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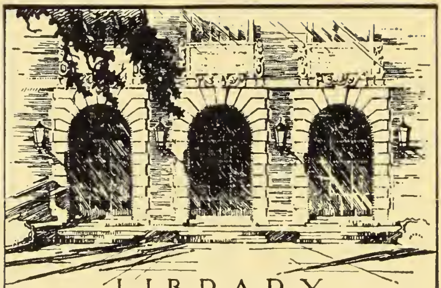

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SETTLEMENT OF MOUNT MORRIS

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EXPLANATION

The most of the illustrations used in this volume were not made especially for this purpose but were gathered from various sources, largely from the files of the *Mount Morris Index*. This accounts for the fact that there is such a variety of sizes and screens, which naturally detracts from the typographical appearance of the book.

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is dedicated to the memory of

my twin brother

Harvey J. Kable

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Preface To Revised Edition

> An old Latin author wrote: *"Many great men lived before Agamemnon, but that all memorial of them had perished for want of a chronicler."*

THIRTY-EIGHT years have elapsed since my brother and I, then at the rather youthful age of twenty years, attempted the somewhat pretentious task of compiling and printing a history of Mount Morris. Fortunately at that time, many of the original pioneers of the township who came here as early as 1837 were still living and first-hand information was available by personally interviewing these men and women who were actually the first white people to inhabit the village and who endured the hardships of those early days in building their log cabins and breaking the virgin prairie.

Aside from the tremendous task of compiling the matter contained in the book, the mechanical work of typesetting and printing the book was no small undertaking with the meagre equipment in the office of the Mount Morris Index which about that time had just moved into the old frame building vacated by the Brethren Publishing House located on the northeastern corner of the college campus. The type was set by hand and the printing done two pages at a time on a job press. A great deal of the actual mechanical work was done by A. H. Rittenhouse and the excellent job of printing of the book can be attributed to his ability as a printer.

In bringing out this second edition of "Mount Morris: Past and Present" some of the original matter has been omitted and the balance brought up to date. Many more pictures have been added and the value of the old pictures increased by more complete descriptive matter.

One difficult problem in connection with compiling accurate data in regard to the early history of Mount Morris is the unfortunate fact that no files have been preserved of the newspapers published in the village up to the year 1896. Half a dozen newspapers were published intermittently during the period from 1842 to 1896 but only a few scattered copies have been found. Doubtless many important happenings could have been gleaned from these old newspapers had they been available.

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the village seems to be an appropriate time to bring this history up to date. It is therefore hoped by the author that the effort and expense of this edition will be justified. At any rate, the task of rewriting and revising the book has been a pleasant one and well worth the effort in personal satisfaction. Many persons have generously given valuable assistance in this work, for which the author is more than grateful.

This volume also marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Kable Brothers Company, which started as an ordinary country newspaper plant in September, 1898, and grew from almost nothing to a gigantic printing establishment, employing over eight hundred people.

HARRY G. KABLE.

September, 1938.

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Chapter I

EARLY HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

THE year 1937 marked an important milestone in the history of Mount Morris. Over one hundred years have passed since the first immigrants from the eastern states pushed their way across mountains and rivers to what was then the wild frontier of civilization,—the State of Illinois. A company of these pioneers from the State of Maryland made the first permanent settlement in the wilderness which now under a far different appearance bears the name of Mount Morris. Here, where the primeval forest had never been traversed, save by the foot of the red man or by herds of deer and other game, they hewed the rough timber for their dwellings, and established themselves in a colony for the purpose of promoting their general welfare. How well they succeeded, the far-reaching influence of the school they established and the charming little town of Mount Morris are living testimonials.

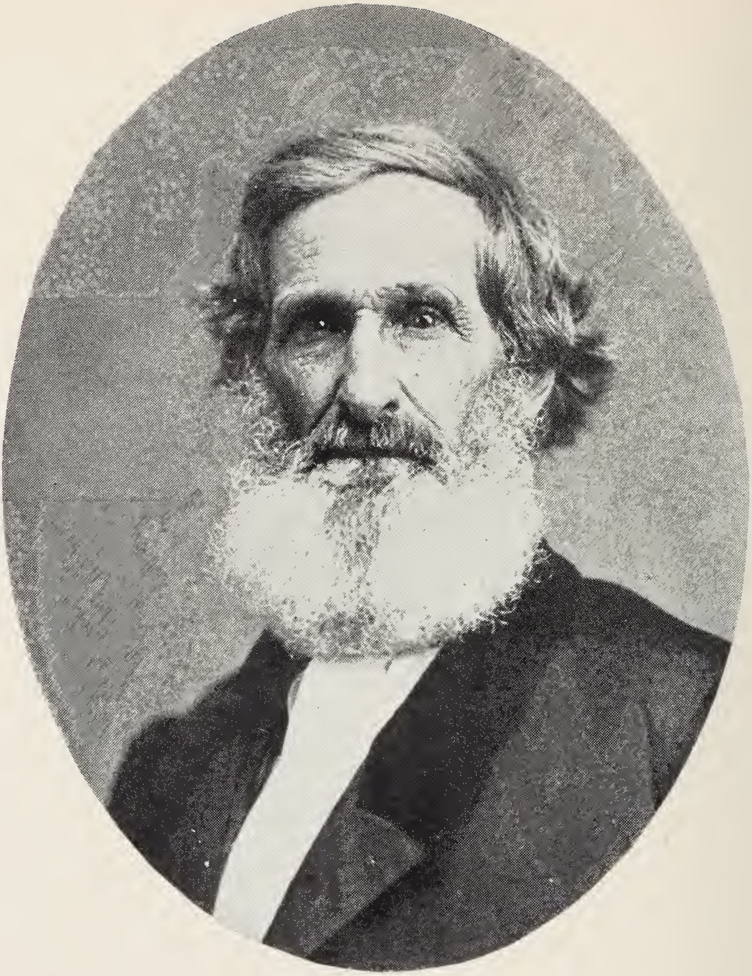
If by some magic power, one could be carried back a century and view this area from the air, there would appear an unbroken expanse of prairie grass, dotted here and there with patches of wild flowers and covered with tall grass so heavy in some places as to be almost impassable. Flanked on all sides would appear an irregular fringe of timber. How beautiful in its wild solitude, compared with what we see today!

A description of the region around Mount Morris as it appeared in 1837, as told by the first settlers, is most fascinating. The present site of the village was an open prairie. What is now the center of the business section was then the crest of a hill of considerable size, the land sloping from it in all directions. Before the view was obstructed by buildings and trees, the altitude of this hill was very perceptible. Most of the ravines and hollows were in a wet, boggy state; and the streams and ponds retained the water from rains much longer than now. There abounded hundreds of flowing springs, which have long since ceased to flow, owing to the tiling of the low places and the development of the soil.

The prairie land on the crest of the hill on which Mount Morris was built contained about ten square miles. This prairie was entirely surrounded by heavy timber. The timber line came very close to the present village limits on the north, but about two or three miles to the east, south and west. The first settlers built their log cabins at the edge of the timber in order to have fuel and building material, and invariably near some of the fine springs of cool, running water.

The log cabins built at that time were of the most primitive character. They were generally one-story structures, with no modern conveniences of any kind. The roofs were made of clapboards which consisted of thin slabs called "shakes," about three or four feet long, split from logs. In the absence of nails, the tiers of these rude shingles were held down by lodge poles. These cabins generally consisted of only one or two rooms with sometimes an attic, reached through a hole in the ceiling with a pole ladder. The floors generally consisted of the bare ground and the furniture was of the most meagre home-made sort.

As mentioned before, the first settlers built their cabins along the edge of the timber. Later arrivals, however, realizing the value of the fertile prairie land, started to take up claims there. Probably the first prairie sod was plowed in 1834, but many years passed before the entire prairie was cultivated.



JOHN PHELPS had the distinction of being the first white man to settle in the vicinity of Mount Morris. He was born in Bedford County, Va., on August 8, 1796, and in 1810 moved with his father to Wilson County, Tenn. In September, 1814, he enlisted in the army and fought through the campaign against the British at New Orleans. His biography tells of terrible hardships endured in going to and from his home and New Orleans. He came to Illinois in 1827 and located at Galena where he opened a store and engaged in lead mining. In 1833, he came down Rock River on an exploring expedition and entered a claim several miles east of the present site of Mount Morris. He built a log cabin on this claim in 1834, the ruins of which can still be seen. He moved his family to this cabin in the spring of 1835. In 1863, he built a fine brick house west of his log cabin, where he lived until his death April 1, 1874, aged 78 years. He is buried in Riverview Cemetery near Oregon. Mr. Phelps was married March 14, 1816, to Sarah Rogan Carlin, who died in 1879. They had three children as follows: James C. T. Phelps, who married Ann E. Swingley; Sarah Phelps, who married Wesley Johnson; Napoleon Phelps (died in 1857), who married Mary Thomas.

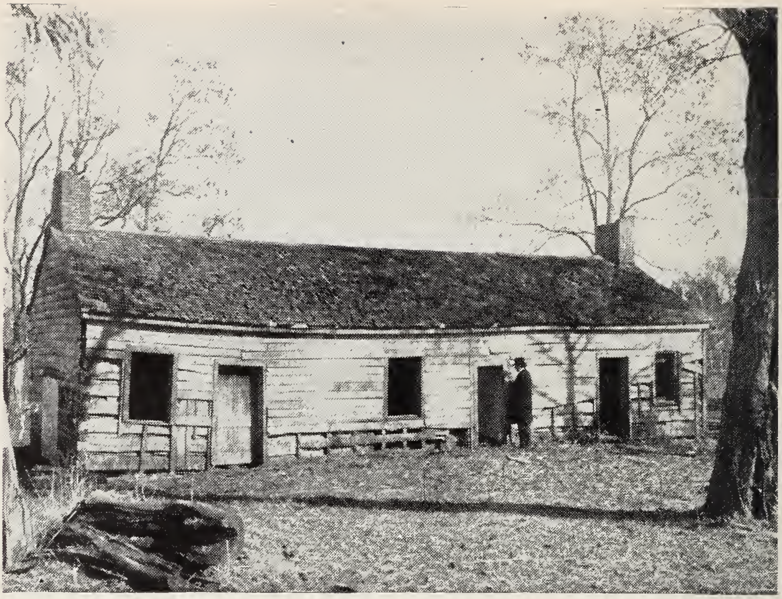
Unlike many sections of Illinois, Mount Morris was entirely free from tragedies with the Indians; in fact, the warlike tribes had been driven westward before this part of the country became settled. Ogle County was originally a part of the hunting grounds of the Winnebagoes and Potawatomies, and their trails from one grove to another were easily discernable, while hundreds of their arrowheads and other weapons have been and are still being found in all parts of the township. In 1832 occurred the terrible Black Hawk War, and as a result all of the red men, except a few dozen peaceful families, were driven westward. At that early day, no settlers had yet stopped here and consequently the Indian trouble was all over when civilization began to dawn in this vicinity. The only sight which the early settlers ever got of these swarthy aborigines was an occasional band crossing the plains in quest of game. These were the most quiet and peaceful of the Indian tribes of the country, but they finally became dissatisfied with the restrictions of their treaty with the whites and followed their more warlike brethren to the wilderness west of the Mississippi, leaving their former lands free to the onward march of civilization.

THE FIRST SETTLERS

FROM the most reliable information, it appears that John Phelps was the original pioneer in this vicinity, having visited the county and taken up a claim several miles east of Mount Morris in November, 1833. He returned in 1834 and built the log cabin, a picture of which appears in this chapter, and the following year moved his family to the cabin, arriving on the 17th day of May, 1835. Mr. Phelps wrote an autobiography, in which he tells of the events leading up to his settlement in Ogle County. A part of it is here reproduced:

"I had conceived a plan and formed a fixed determination to explore the beautiful valley of Rock River, which I had passed through in the year 1829. My object was to make a location as near as possible on a true line leading from Chicago to Galena, believing at some future day at the crossing at Rock River, it would be a very important point. In order to get all the light I could in regard to this locality, I carefully examined the map of the territory embracing the Rock River Valley, the locality of Chicago and that of Galena, ascertaining the distance. Both places stand south of the northern boundary of the state. All things being arranged, the Frenchman and myself set out on our exploring expedition from near Mineral Point on the Pecatonica in a small canoe. We expected to reach Rock River in two days but owing to the crookedness of the stream it was seven days before we reached it. By this time our scanty supply of provisions had given out and we were forced to supply ourselves by the aid of our guns. We found pheasants, squirrels and other game were plentiful. We lived well with the exception of bread.

"We descended Rock River to where Rockford is now located; there we made a short stop and examined that section on both sides of the river, but we found too great a scarcity of timber for a settlement, besides I believed it too near the state line; that the true line from Chicago to Galena was far south of that place. We then descended to where Byron now stands. There we stopped and looked at the surrounding country, believing that was about far enough south, but there was the same objection on account of timber. We still pursued our journey down the river about one mile above where Oregon now stands. We saw a tent on the west bank of the river, near the northeast corner of the present fair grounds. I said to my companion, 'There is an Indian wigwam, we will stop and see if we can get something to eat.' He said it was no wigwam but a white man's tent. We landed and, going to the tent, I was agreeably surprised to meet my old friend, Col. Wm. Hamilton, a son of the celebrated Alex. Hamilton who was killed in a duel by Aaron Burr. I had made his acquaintance in my early settlement in the lead mines. I had not seen him for five or



THIS LOG CABIN was undoubtedly the first white man's habitation built in the vicinity of Mount Morris. It was erected by John Phelps in 1834 on the edge of the timber at a spot about two miles east of Mount Morris on the farm now owned by Martin Buhs, a short distance from State Route 64. The above picture was taken probably twenty-five years ago, but since that time the roof has fallen in and very little is left of this historic building. It is to be greatly regretted that something was not done to permanently preserve this historic spot and keep the cabin in repair.

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THE ABOVE is all that remains in 1938 of the old Phelps log cabin built in 1834. The old fireplaces at each end of the cabin are still standing.

six years. He seemed astonished to meet me amongst the Indians and inquired what had brought me there. I told him I was on an exploring expedition to look at the country and if I liked it, to locate and make it my home. He said I need not go any further, that I was in the right spot. He said he had a contract from the Government to survey into townships a large portion of the Rock River country. He said he could give me directions where I could fine one of the best locations he had ever seen, that it embraced good timber, good water with a beautiful rolling prairie running down between two fine groves of timber about three miles west of where we were. We were hungry and he had dinner prepared for us. He was about to raise camp and prosecute his work on his line. He had been there a day or two, cooking and preparing to continue his work. After we had finished eating, he took down his tent, packed up and started on his line, but before he left he gave us a week's supply of bread and cut a middling of bacon in two and gave us half. Being thus supplied with provisions we had nothing to prevent us from making a thorough examination on both sides of the river. This being done I was satisfied it would make a fine settlement. I made the first claim where my farm is. My next object was to make a claim where I intended making the road from Galena to cross the river. On examining the bank on both sides, found there could be a good road where Oregon now stands, so I made my claim there. This was in November, 1833. The object of our journey being accomplished and fully satisfactory, we packed our blankets, left our canoe and steered our course for the lead mines on foot. We arrived there in three days, undergoing much fatigue, hardship and suffering on our route.

"In the spring of 1834, with my two brothers, B. T. and G. W. Phelps, one hired man and myself, we set out from Schuyler County with teams, provisions, and farming implements to commence opening the farm on which I now live. We planted and fenced forty acres in corn, built a house and returned home with the intention of moving my family up that fall, but on reflection, it was thought best to winter there, as we had plenty of food for our stock at home and would move up early in the spring. So my brother, B. T., and myself came up in the fall to gather the corn and build a ferry boat. After we had gathered our corn we returned home. I moved the family up in the spring of 1835, arriving on the 17th day of May, and found all our corn had been taken by the Indians and had to depend upon grass to supply my teams and haul our provisions from Galena. We laid out the road in the fall from Chicago to Galena and early in the spring laid out the town of Oregon."

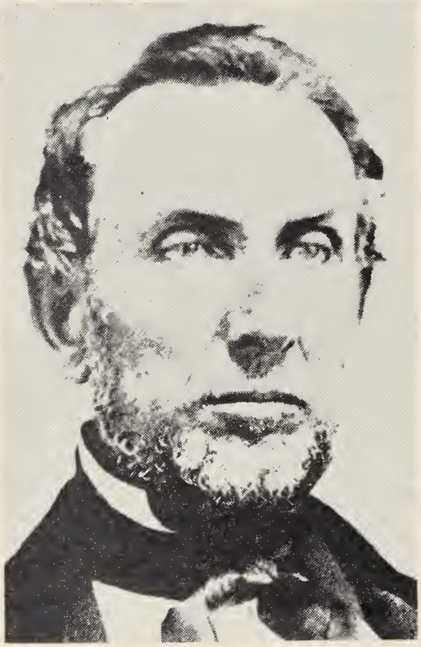
THE MARYLAND COLONY

IN the summer of 1836, Samuel M. Hitt and Capt. Nathaniel Swingley came on an exploring trip from Washington County, Md., to the locality now known as Mount Morris Township and found the Phelps family living on their claim east of Mount Morris; Larkin Baker had a cabin and a claim about four miles southeast, subsequently owned by Daniel Price; David Worden lived several miles southwest; and probably several others had settled along the edge of the timber.

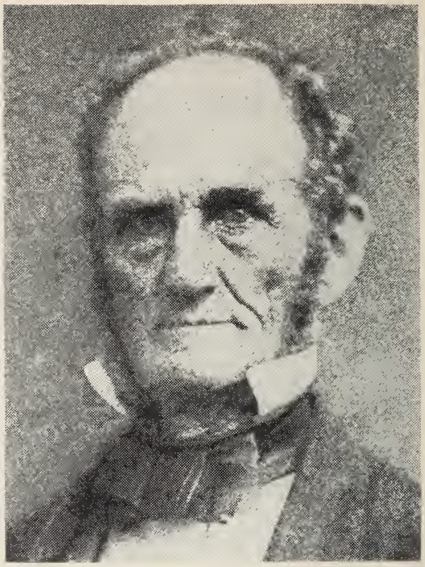
Hitt and Swingley went out upon the prairie and made several claims, including the present site of Mount Morris. They remained here during the summer but in the autumn returned to Maryland and hired a number of men to settle with them in the new country, promising to pay them one dollar per day for service in building houses, splitting rails, building fence, breaking the prairie and harvesting the crops. Among those thus engaged were Michael Bovey, Adam, Daniel and John Stover, Balka Niehoff, Samuel Grove, Eli Householder, William McDannel, Abram and Jonathan Myers, and Fred Finkbohnar.

This party started for their new homes in the west in the spring of 1837. Householder, McDannel, and Daniel

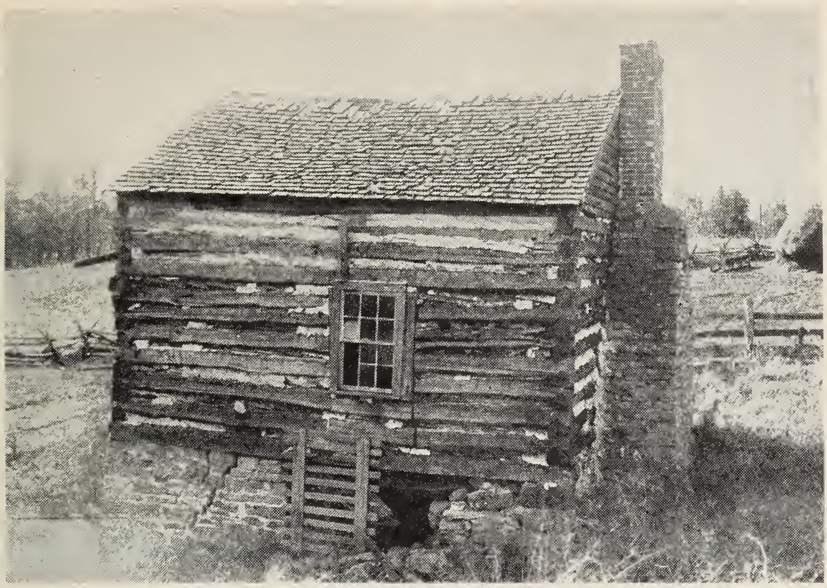
Stover were accompanied by their wives. Mrs. Elizabeth Ankney (sister of Nathaniel Swingley), with her little son, Albertus, and her daughter, Anna, was also a member of the party. (Anna later married Wm. Watts.) They traveled by wagons to Wheeling, W. Va., by boat on the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to Peru, and the remaining distance by wagon. Early in the spring they arrived at a vacant cabin in Fridley's grove, east of the present site of Mount Morris. This cabin had been built and occupied by Judge Ford, afterward governor of the state. Here the first "Maryland Colony," as these settlers were afterward termed, remained for two weeks, while the menfolks proceeded to erect their cabins. The first one built by them was a



CAPT. NATHANIEL SWINGLEY was one of the founders of the original "Maryland Colony." He was born at Hagerstown, Md., in November, 1807, and came to Ogle County in the summer of 1836 with Samuel M. Hitt and they took up claims which included the present site of Mount Morris. They returned to Maryland in the fall and then came back with their families in the spring of 1837. Capt. Swingley continued to live in this vicinity for a number of years and later located at Creston where he died March 17, 1883. He married Eliza Sharer, who died in 1879. They had seven children and their descendants are as follows: John H. Swingley, married Sophia Banks; Ann Swingley, married James C. T. Phelps; Nicholas Swingley, married Jane Woodard; Urilla Swingley, married Francis Clark; James A. Swingley, married Helen Harrison; Jacob Swingley, married Jane Harrison; Upton Swingley, married Frances Potter (died in 1870).



SAMUEL M. HITT was one of the founders of Mount Morris. He was the son of Martin and Margaret Hitt and was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Jan. 22, 1799. The family moved to near Urbana, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, later moving to Washington County, Md. In 1823, he married Barbara Ann Hershey, and they became the parents of 12 children, only six of whom lived beyond childhood. They were Andrew M., Robert S., George, John W., Joseph E., and Margaret C., who married Prof. D. J. Pinckney. Mr. Hitt came to Mount Morris in 1836 with Capt. Nathaniel Swingley, and they were the first to take up claims on the present site of Mount Morris. They were instrumental in bringing the "Maryland Colony" to Mount Morris. He brought his family in the spring of 1837 and settled on a tract of land northwest of Mount Morris, later known as the Christian Zumdahl farm, where he died, Nov. 16, 1859. Mr. Hitt was engaged in many business enterprises in Mount Morris. He and F. G. Petrie conducted a general store in the early forties and he was actively interested in Rock River Seminary.



THIS LOG CABIN was probably built about the year 1836 by Thomas Ford, who later served a term as Governor of Illinois. It was located in what was later known as the Fridley Grove, about three miles east of Mount Morris, later owned by Wilson Glasgow, and it was in this cabin that the first group of settlers from Maryland lived while the men were building other cabins to live in. This cabin was purchased by John Fridley in September, 1837, and Mr. Fridley's sons, John, Benjamin, Andrew, David and Jacob, spent their boyhood days in it. Unfortunately this old landmark burned down a number of years ago.

double log-cabin, on the claim by Mrs. Ankney, about three-quarters of a mile southwest of the present village of Mount Morris. Half of this house was moved, at a later day, down into the grove near a spring, and was finally torn down. The other half stood in the field a few rods east of the former residence of N. A. Watts, and was used as an implement house for a number of years, when it, too, shared the fate of its partner and was torn down for fuel. Unfortunately, no photograph was ever taken of this historic old building. In the two small rooms of this cabin lived four families,—those of Mrs. Ankney and Eli Householder in one part, and Messrs. Stover and McDannel in the other.

While this cabin was being completed, the entire party remained in the Ford cabin. A bake-oven, constructed by Mrs. Ankney, was used in preparing their food, and at night they slept on "wagoner" beds, which consisted of plain mattresses, rolled up during the day and spread out on the floor at night. Several other cabins were soon completed, however, and the members of the colony became more comfortably located. Mr. Swingley kept the men that he had brought along busily engaged in cutting down trees, splitting rails and building fences, and cultivating several small fields of grain for which prairie sod had been broken in the spring.

Of these early settlers who constituted the Maryland colony, most of them remained in the vicinity. Michael Bovey took up a claim northwest of town and lived there until old age compelled him to retire, when he moved to town. Eli Householder lived here two years and then moved six miles south, where he died in 1896. Samuel M. Hitt built a log cabin on one of his claims, about three miles west of town, later known as the Zumdahl property. There with his family, including Margaret, Andrew, Robert, George, John and Joseph, he lived until his death in 1859. In 1858, he began the erection of a fine stone residence, and although it was not quite completed, he and his family were living in it at the time of his death. This house was owned and occupied later for many years by Christian Zumdahl.

Capt. Nathaniel Swingley, who with Samuel Hitt brought the Maryland colony to Mount Morris, established his claim several miles east of Mount Morris, later known as the Keedy farm. He lived there until 1850 when he joined the rush for the goldfields of California. After three years in California, he returned to Ogle County and located at Creston, where he died.

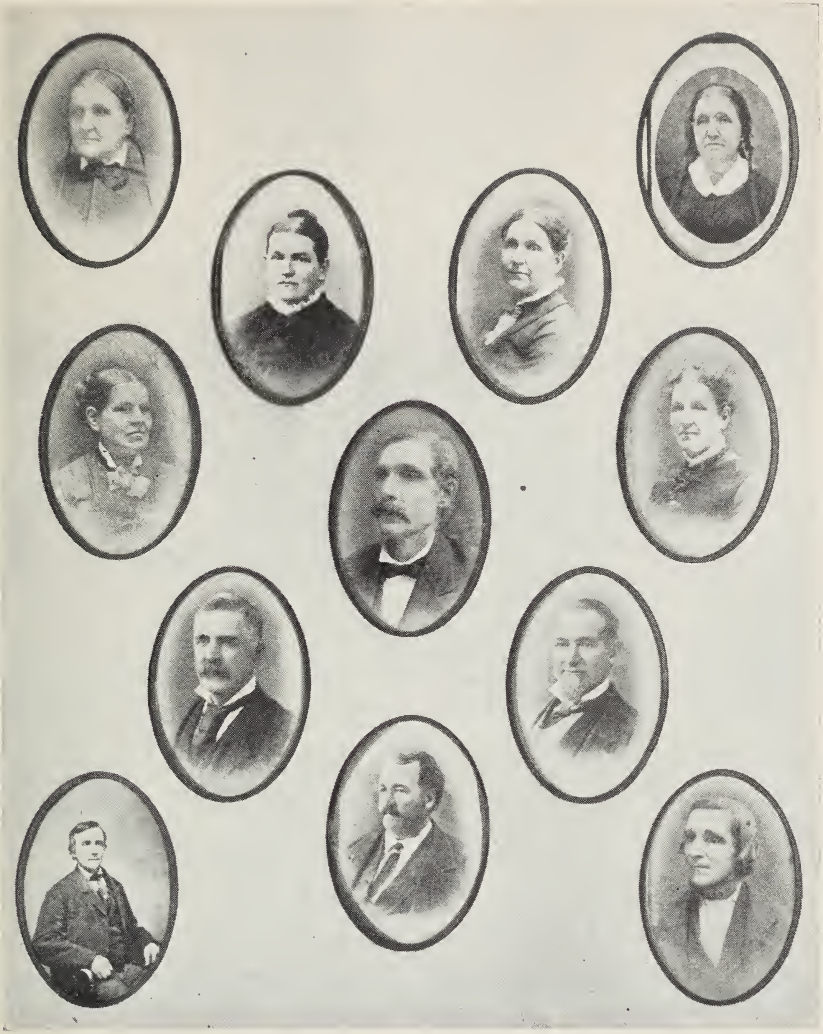
THE RICE AND WAGNER FAMILIES

AMONG the settlers from Washington County, Md., early in the spring of 1837, were the large families of Jacob Rice and John Wagner. Each of these families consisted of ten children and the trip was made overland in "prairie schooners." Imagine if you can the tremendous task of these two pioneers of transporting these large families to an unknown new country and providing for their wants far from civilization. One of the children of the Wagner family, David C. Wagner, told of these experiences in a paper which he read at the Ogle County Old Settlers' Reunion held in Mount Morris during the summer of 1904. Part of his address was as follows:

"I can assure it affords me untold pleasure to meet with this little band of pioneers. The announcement of this meeting brings back to me reminiscences of early days, in fact, youthful days. My father with ten children, left Washington County, Md., in the fall of 1836. He stopped over winter near Springfield, Ohio—then known as the 'back-woods'—and in the early spring of 1837, he and Uncle Jacob Rice (who left Maryland with us, having the same number in his family as our own), started west on horseback, the objective point being Rock River. At this time there were no settlements, except what were known as 'squatters' who had located all the timber lands with a view to accommodate the incoming immigrants. My father paid about $3,000 for two timber lots. He and Uncle Rice then returned to Ohio for their families. My recollection is that we crossed Rock River at Oregon on the 9th of June, 1837. I remember quite well that the ferry boat's capacity was limited to four horses a trip. Father and Uncle Rice each had a six-horse wagon such as were known in the country at that time as 'prairie schooners.' Each one of these wagons had to be divested of its contents because of the incapacity of the ferry boats. This was the most tedious obstacle we encountered in our thousand mile westward movement. Having landed on the western bank of Rock River upon which the 'great city' of Oregon was located, we went within three miles of what was to be our future home.

"Now came a comforting contribution from Judge Ford, who proferred the use of a log cabin which he had purchased from a squatter. It was located one mile from where we expected and did build the first double-hewn log house in Ogle County, without invidious distinction was denominated a palace in

JACOB RICE was one of the pioneers who came to Mount Morris in 1837. He was a farmer of Washington County, Md., and was of German descent. He took up a claim several miles north of Mount Morris and built a log cabin for his large family. The mother was Mary Roland; she died three years after arriving here, leaving twelve motherless children. The names of the children are as follows, in the order of their age: Barbara (Mrs. Maysilles); David, who lived at Byron; Joshua, who started for California and was never heard from; John, who resided in Leaf River Township; Susan, who married Elias Thomas; Lydia, who married Benjamin Hiestand; Elizabeth, who married Ezra Thomas; Jacob and Simon, who lived in Mount Morris; Mary, who married Daniel Etnyre; Isaac, of Mount Morris; William, who died at age of 21. Mr. Rice married again to Catherine Funk (better known as Aunt Kitty Rice) who mothered his large family of children. She died in 1900 at the age of 103 years. Mr. Rice died on his farm, April 25, 1870.

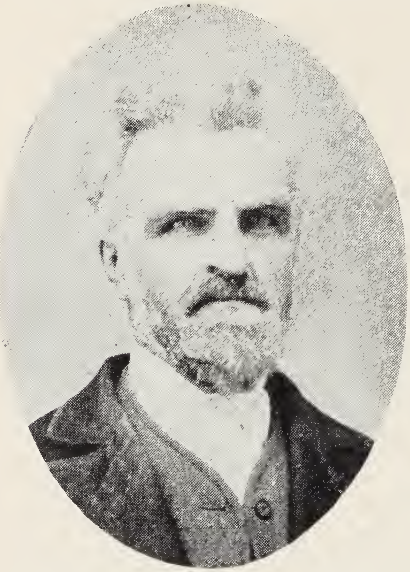


THE JOHN WAGNER FAMILY consisted of the above twelve children, ten of whom came to Mount Morris with their parents in 1837. The other two were born after the family arrived. The parents were John and Catherine (Rice) Wagner who were natives of Washington County, Md. They made the trip by horses and wagons along with the Jacob Rice family, which also consisted of ten children. The Wagner children shown above are, from left to right, top row, Mrs. Elizabeth Timmerman, Mrs. Susan Wertz; second row, Mrs. Sarah Good, Mrs. Barbara McNeill; third row, Mrs. Hannah Knodle, Nehemiah Wagner, Mrs. Kate Griffin; fourth row, David Wagner, Reuben Wagner; fifth row, Joseph Wagner, Benj. Wagner, John Wagner. All of these children lived beyond their sixtieth year before the family circle was broken, but all of them have now passed away. Three of the sons, Benjamin, David and Nehemiah served in the Civil War.

the wilderness. This cabin, used with our caravans of wagons, afforded unusual facilities for prosecuting our work for a home. In addition to our big wagon, we had two smaller ones and one 'carryall.' These were used for all purposes except cooking and dining.

"Now as to the first family settlers in Ogle County, west of Rock River, I believe that my father, John Wagner with ten children, and Jacob Rice with a like number of children, were the pioneers and the first of the Maryland Colony in Ogle County at least. Of course there may have been others at this time locating homes, some of whose families were then on the way and would arrive later in the summer and fall of the same year. Samuel Hitt was then arranging for a strong colony from Maryland. John Phelps of Tennessee, who preceded his family, was preparing a home for them, and many others prospecting for new homes; but for absolute family settlement from Maryland, our families in my opinion took precedence."

After the Wagner family settled here, two more children were born and this remarkable family of six sons and six daughters all lived to ripe old ages. The circle was not broken until the death of Joseph in 1891, at which time the eldest was aged 75 years and the young-



DR. ISAAC RICE was a prominent citizen of Mount Morris for many years and also an old settler, coming here in 1837 with his parents, Jacob and Mary (Roland) Rice. He was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 28, 1826, and was one of 12 children. He was one of the first students of Rock River Seminary, and was a roommate of Shelby M. Cullom, who later became U. S. Senator from Illinois. He was a graduate of Rush Medical College, but he never practiced medicine and engaged in teaching and farming instead. His homestead was located north of Mount Morris. He retired and moved to Mount Morris in 1876. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives for the 28th and 29th General Assemblies, and afterwards served in the State Senate from 1880 to 1884. In 1877, associated with Major Chas. Newcomer, he established the Bank of Mount Morris. He traveled quite extensively and made three trips abroad. In 1857, he married Sarah Hiestand, and they had three children: Roland, who died in infancy; Anna, who died at the age of 18, and Joseph L. Mr. Rice died May 3, 1897, at the age of 71 years, and Mrs. Rice died July 18, 1921.

CALEB MARSHALL was one of the few of the settlers who arrived in Mount Morris in the spring of 1837. He was born in Massachusetts, Nov. 5, 1777, and was of English and French nationality. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1809, and they had but one daughter. His second wife was Louisa Sanborn and they were married in 1818 in the State of New York. They settled on a farm in Clinton County, New York, where the following children were born to them: Caleb S., Elmira E. (Mrs. Wm. Spencer), Lucian, Phila (Mrs. John V. Gale), Mary (Mrs. Solon Crowell), Reuben S. The Marshall family started for Illinois in 1834 but on arriving at Cleveland, Ohio, they heard alarming reports about the Indians so they remained in Ohio for about two years. In October, 1836, Caleb Marshall left his family in Cleveland and came to Mount Morris and made claim to a half section of land several miles north of town which became the Marshall homestead. Lake navigation having suspended when he was ready to return to Cleveland, he walked the entire distance back to that city. In February, 1837, the family left Cleveland for their new home. The trip was made overland and they arrived at Oregon March 19, 1837, after being about four weeks on the road. They were compelled to wait several weeks before crossing Rock River because of the floating ice. They took possession of the claim previously made by Mr. Marshall and built a log cabin 12x24 feet, where they continued to live for many years. The father died in the original cabin on May 17, 1860, and the mother on August 12, 1857.

est 49 years. The Wagner homestead was located three miles northeast of Mount Morris, later owned by George W. Carr.

The Jacob Rice family which accompanied the Wagner family also consisted of ten children. They took up a homestead north of town, and here the large family was raised and scattered to different parts of the country. Those of the family best known in Ogle County were Isaac Rice, father of Joseph L. Rice; John Rice, father of John H. Rice; and Jacob Rice, father of Fred N., William (Timothy Bunker), and Eldridge. All three of the above generations have passed away leaving no descendants. Two of the daughters were Mrs. Daniel Etnyre of Oregon and Mrs. Susan Thomas of Leaf River.

Another prominent family which arrived in 1837 was that of Caleb Marshall. His son, Reuben S. Marshall, raised a large family on the old homestead, three miles north of town, and a number of his descendants are now living in Mount Morris and vicinity.

THE REV. THOS. S. HITT FAMILY

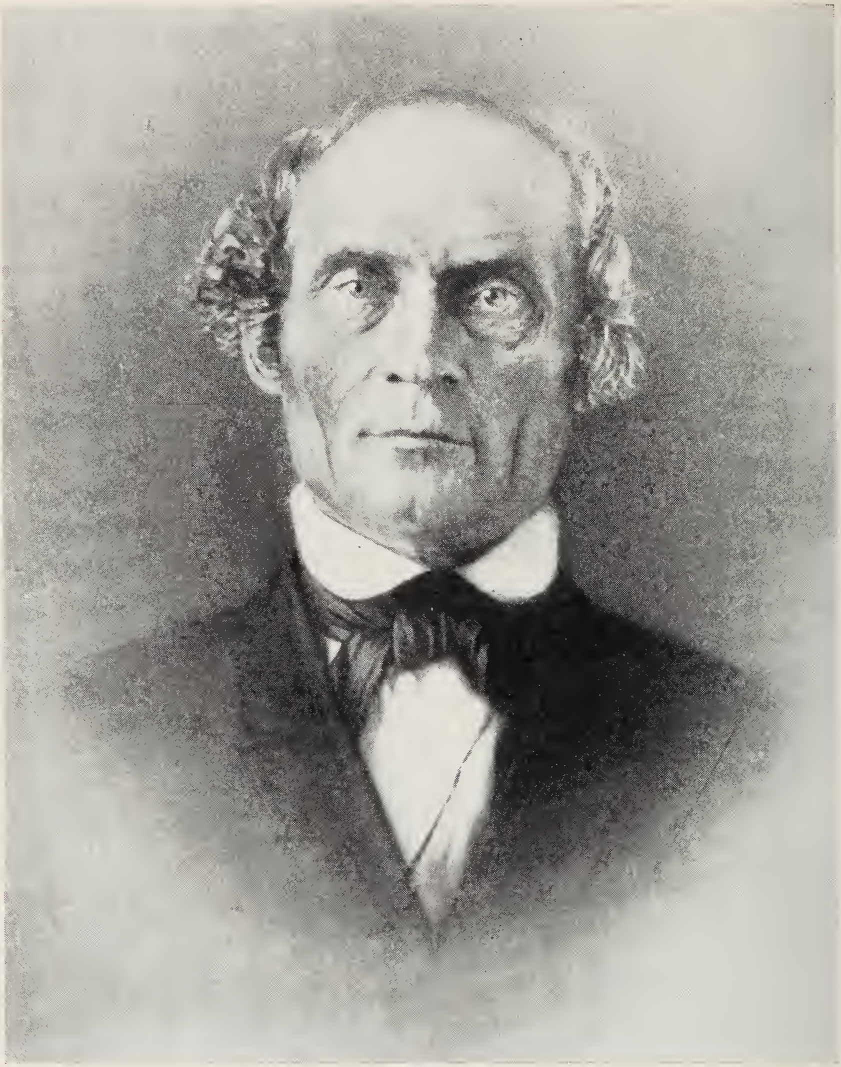
LATER in the year 1837, in which the body of settlers already described as the first Maryland colony came to the township, there also came the Rev. Thomas S. Hitt. Rev. Hitt and wife left Ohio in a carriage in the fall of 1837 to examine the new country of which his brother, Samuel, had written such favorable accounts. He was a Methodist minister and expected to continue his work in the new country. On arrival here in September, he occupied a house which Martin Reynolds, a brother-in-law, was then completing on the site of what is familiarly known as the Lohafer farm, west of town. Later he invested in a tract of land two and one-half miles south of town. This tract embraced one thousand acres, one hundred of which was broken. Rev. Hitt, however, soon moved to a claim which his brother, Samuel, had reserved for him. This claim consisted of what is now the Railroad Addition to the village and the land immediately northwest. Here Rev. Hitt lived until his death in 1852.

MRS. MARGARET (HITT) PINCKNEY was the daughter of Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, sister of Hon. Robert R. Hitt and wife of Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney. She was born in Maryland on June 25, 1824, and came with her parents to Mount Morris in 1837. She was a student of Rock River Seminary until her marriage in 1844 to Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney, principal of the seminary. Following her husband's death, which occurred June 7, 1883, she moved to Chicago where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Thyetta Gilson, until her death on June 4, 1905.

In September, 1837, John Fridley purchased the old Ford cabin and claim, where he continued to live until the time of his death, when it became the property of his sons, Andrew, David, John, Jacob and Benjamin, whose descendants live in this vicinity.

These settlers who arrived in 1837 were well pleased with the new country, and consequently in the following spring, 1838, at the solicitation of Samuel Hitt and Nathaniel Swingley, who had induced many of the settlers to come the previous year, a large number of fam-

JOHN W. HITT, early settler of Mount Morris, died Sept. 3, 1903, at the age of 71 years. He was the son of Samuel M. Hitt, and came to Mount Morris with his father with the first Maryland colony in 1837. He and Thomas Mumma built the first creamery in Mount Morris, and he served the township as supervisor for a number of years. He enlisted in the Civil War as a private in the 4th Illinois Cavalry and was promoted to quartermaster. He moved to Missouri in 1885.

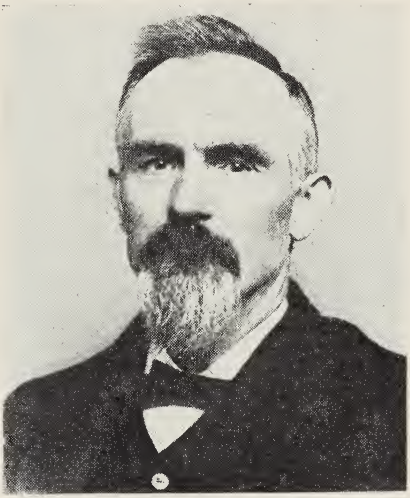


REV. THOMAS S. HITT, besides being an early settler of Mount Morris, was a pioneer Methodist minister, and was largely instrumental in securing Rock River Seminary for Mount Morris. He was the son of Martin and Margaret (Smith) Hitt and was born in Bourbon County, Ky., Feb. 14, 1797. He was educated for the Methodist ministry and preached at various points in Ohio and Indiana. In 1830, he married Miss Emily John. In 1837, he decided to come to Mount Morris, where his brothers Samuel M. and Daniel F., had just located. He established his homestead on a 400-acre claim just north and west of the present village limits of Mount Morris. He took a great interest in the religious and educational interests of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Hitt raised five sons and three daughters: John Hitt, for many years deputy collector of customs in Chicago; Robert R. Hitt, for 20 years representative in Congress from this district: Martin E., Thomas M. and Henry P., who located in South Dakota; Elizabeth, wife of Capt. R. B. Wagner; Margaret (Mrs. Albert Newcomer) and Maria, wife of Major Chas. Newcomer. Rev. Hitt died in 1852 and Mrs. Hitt in 1881. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

REUBEN S. MARSHALL came to Mount Morris with his parents, Caleb and Louisa (Sanborn) Marshall, in 1837, when he was but ten years old. They settled on a claim several miles north of Mount Morris where Mr. Marshall lived continuously until the time of his death, June 16, 1907. He was born in Clinton County, N.Y., Oct. 5, 1827, and was nearly 80 years of age at the time of his death. Mr. Marshall was married Jan. 30, 1850, to Matilda Steffa and they had twelve children: William C., Mary E., Mrs. Emma Clements, Ira W., Chas. C., Albertus S., Francis C., Ida C., John C., Mrs. Grace M. Rinehart, Mrs. Viola Bock and Oliver. Mrs. Marshall died Feb. 24, 1875.

ilies, known as the Maryland colony proper, left their eastern homes in Maryland and came to Mount Morris. Many of them took up claims here, while others went to Carroll County and other places. Among these families were the Ilers, the Etnyres, the Sprechers, the Allens and many others. In May, A. Quinby Allen arrived and taught the first school in Mount Morris Township. Others who came at that time were Philip Sprecher, John Coffman, John Smith, Henry Artz, Michael Brantner, Henry Sharer, Henry Hiestand and John Wallace. These are all familiar names in Mount Morris and many of the descendants of these early settlers still live in this vicinity.

Among others who came in the early forties, should be mentioned Jacob Turney, Michael Swingley, David Mumma, William Printz, Jonas Shafstall, Moses Crowell, Jacob Buck, Daniel Wolfe, Joseph Rowe, Jacob Detrick, Samuel S. Fouts, Benjamin Myers, Silas Snyder, Adam Patterson, Otho Wallace, Solomon Nally, Henry A. Neff, Bartholomew and Benjamin McNutt, Jacob Hiestand, William Watts, Daniel and Frederick B. Brayton, Peter, Emanuel, Jonathan, Jacob and Joseph Knodle, many of them with their families. Still later came Benjamin Swingley, Frank Hamilton, Samuel Newcomer and son Charles, George Avey (father of Josiah Avey), Emanuel, Henry and Andrew Newcomer, Joseph and Frisby Watts and scores of others. About this time they began to come so rapidly that it would be useless to attempt to keep track of them. In fact, the Maryland people never ceased coming, and today the

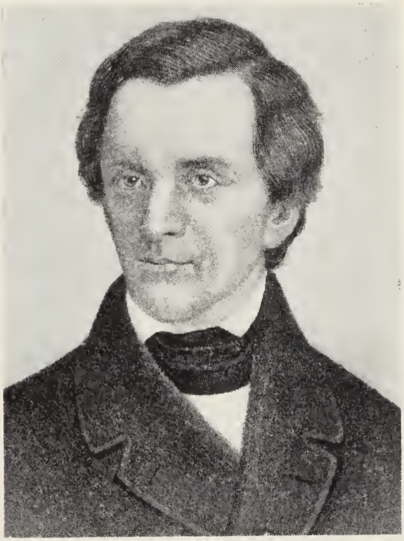


JOHN F. FRIDLEY was probably the first child born in the "Maryland Colony" and was the son of John and Nancy (Hoover) Fridley, early pioneers of 1837. He was born in the old Ford cabin, Sept. 30, 1838, and lived his entire life in Mount Morris and Rockvale Townships. He died Dec. 16, 1910, at the age of 72 years. He was married three times, his first marriage occurring in 1863 to Elizabeth Hildebrand, to whom a son and six daughters were born: Irvin Fridley, May (Mrs. Wm. Hammer), Anna (Mrs. Fred Domer), Elizabeth (Mrs. Wm. Castle), Grace (Mrs. Frank Muller), Ella (Mrs. Carlton Wolf), and Nettie (Mrs. Dale Betebenner). The mother died in 1884. Mr. Fridley's second marriage occurred in 1886 to Mrs. Cecelia Middlekauff, who mothered his large family of children. She died in 1906 and several years later Mr. Fridley married Mrs. Alice Winter, who survived him.

great majority of the residents of Mount Morris Township are either natives of Maryland or children of emigrants from that state. It was a noticeable fact, and one often commented upon, that the obituaries of those dying in this community, as published in Mount Morris papers, almost invariably contained the clause, "was born in Washington County, Md." Many of them came from Hagerstown in that county.

THE VIGILANTES

MUCH more than what has already been said concerning the appearance and condition of the country in the thirties and early forties and of pioneer life in those days, could yet be written. As has been stated, the Indians had practically left this part of the country when the first settlers arrived, and no trouble was experienced with them. But the township did not entirely escape from the ravages of the early bands of prairie robbers who harassed the settlers principally by stealing their horses and smuggling them during the nighttime along certain lines of dishonest settlers, somewhat in the manner of the "underground railway" by which slaves were aided in their flight to Canada before the war. These prairie pirates were well organized all over the country, being a combination of horse thieves, counterfeiters and murderers. At a very early day they held almost undisputed and unobstructed dominion throughout this whole section of the country, and very few of the honest settlers were fortunate enough to keep their property from being swept into the network these land pirates had spread around them. The principal leaders of this gang of cut-throats were John Driscoll, John Brodie and Samuel Aikens and their eight sons, and William Bridge and Norton Royce. Although none of them were residents of the township, their operations were often carried on in this vicinity. Their nefarious transactions became so intolerable at last that an organization of settlers, known as Vigilantes, was formed, the members of which proceeded to clear the country of these villians in a summary manner. A man by the name of John Campbell, of White



THOMAS FORD took up a claim of 1000 acres located about three miles east of Mount Morris about the year 1836, on which stood the log cabin in which a number of the old settlers (who arrived in 1837) stopped while the first cabins were being built. It is not known whether Ford actually built and lived in this cabin or whether it had been built by a squatter previous to the time he took up the claim. He sold the cabin and claim to John Fridley in 1837. Mr. Ford was born in Uniontown, Pa., in 1800, and came to Illinois where he was educated. He became a prominent man, first being appointed circuit judge and was elected governor of the state in 1842. He died at Peoria, Ill., Nov. 2, 1850.

PHILIP T. SPRECHER, the first Sprecher to locate in Mount Morris, was one of the original pioneers who arrived in 1837. The homestead was established on a claim one and one-half miles east of Mount Morris on what is now known as the Moats farm. Later he moved to the village where he died when more than 80 years of age, having survived his wife about one year. The wife's name was Catherine Houke. There were three sons and two daughters in the family as follows: Daniel, who died many years ago; John, who became a prominent merchant in Mount Morris; George, who was a farmer and later moved to Zion City; Anna, who married Henry Moats and purchased the old homestead; and Mary, who married George Windle.

"THE DAYES THAT WUZ"

This letter, written from Mount Morris by a Marylander in 1846, is a colorful literary document and gives a rare picture of the times, reproduced as it was penned, in the author's own style, spelling and all.

(Postmarked) Mt. Morris, Ills.,
November 23rd, 1846.
(Postage) 10c.

Mr. David Ports,
Lappens X Roads, Washington County, Md.

Well old friend I take this opportunity to forward you a few lines to inform you that we are all well at present and hoping theas few lines will find you all ingoing the same blessing—it has been pretty sickley all around us with the chils and fever and some cases of the bilious feaver but not many deths—I suppose you heard of the deth of my father. He wasant well from the time we left Maryland til his deth—And I supose you heard of the deth of old Mr. Palmer and Isaack Emore—it tis bin the sicklist spring and fall that has bin sinse any of our Marylanders has bin out heare—Well I must let you heare what I think of this little valley as I cal it for it tis onley about 800 miles to the Alagany and 2000 to the Rocka mounten—I must tel you the truth I don't wish myself back you may depend on it to be a slave. I am in a free state and a plenty of worke and good wages. I can get more for my family by wirking 2 days in the week than you can and wirk 6 and I will give you my reason for saying so. I make my dollar per day in the summer and get into the winter one Dollar pir hundred for making rails and in the fall you get 4 bushels of corn for one days wirking on the stack—well this fall porks will bring abught 2 dollars and maybe 2.50—wheat is selling heare from 30 to 37½ corn from 10 to 12½—potatoes we don't keep any account of them and the best I ever eat is hear—if you will pleas to bring me a waggon load of appels and sider I will give you 4 bushels of potatoes for one bushel of appels. And then you can raise as much off one acre heare as you can raise of 3 in Maryland. Mr. Curren bild a house 16 by 20 on Mr. S. Hitt land last winter —he found all and I done the wirk and I get for a tirm of years. He break up some land—and I just put holes in the sod and planted my potatoes pumpkins cabbage and never done anything til I dug them and had better potatoes than I ever had among your stones—I forgot to tel you the price of beef I can buy the best of beef for from 2 to 3c pir pound —and it would do your hart good to sea the . . . prairie hens partredges, rabbits wild geese ducks and then go to Rock River with us when we cetch pike that will way from 20 to 25 pounds and sturgeons that way from 70 to 100 lb. and all kinds of the best fish—I am nitting a sain (sein) 50 yards long for Mr. Heth brother James and myself—James lives 3 miles and Will 8 from me and doing will—I live one mile and half from Mt. Morris —And if I could get my money I ben by (would buy) 20 akers one mile from Mt. Morris and all my old Marylanders around me—the man that owns the land is abilden am another place a mile from it and wants money bad so now its my time if I had my mony. I want you to get to see H. Palmer and tel him to go and see Dr. Titghman and then let him tel you what luck and wright to me—also I rote to V. Taves laste fall abut some business and haven got any answer—I wold like to no what he has done for me —also I rote to Thos. Albaste and haven't got any answer—but I reken out of site out of mind. I got a letter from E. Blom and a mail paper—and by what I see in it I think all the Locofokes has turned rong side out—you have made a pore sho. I am glad that I am out of the scrape—so I think you and some more had better come to this free state—before you get to be a whig.

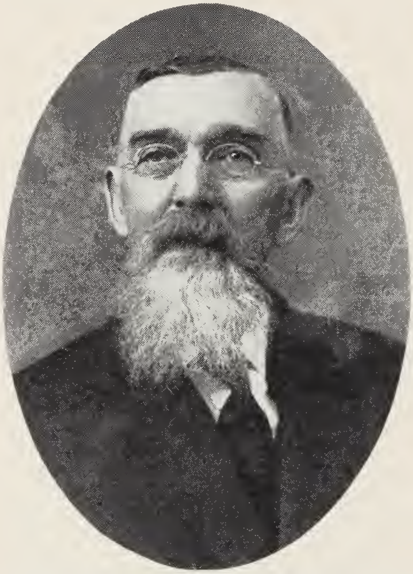
O I forgot to tel you the prise of whiskey, Ohio Whiskey is 60c per gallon—the rot-gut that they make heare is 37½ but when you drink it you must hold your brith and it tastes a week old by 6 days and if you get any in the summer you must hurry home as it will get sawer. And if you wold see Mrs. Albart how she can jump abut you wold think it was a gal of 16 and she never was hartier than she has ben this summer—my old woman, Mrs. Albart, Lawrence, Mary and the rest of my family send their best respects to you and wife and Miss Poffenbarger and to all thare enquireing friends—also my respects to all my old friends and if you and some more will come over some saturday I will have you some Ohio whiskey and a good mess of our big fish and some fried venison—I must close and I hope you will get my letter and will see Mr. Palmer you will rite and I hope to heare that you are a comin to this fine cuntra—Nothing more but still remain your old friend.

(Signed) O. H. Wallace.

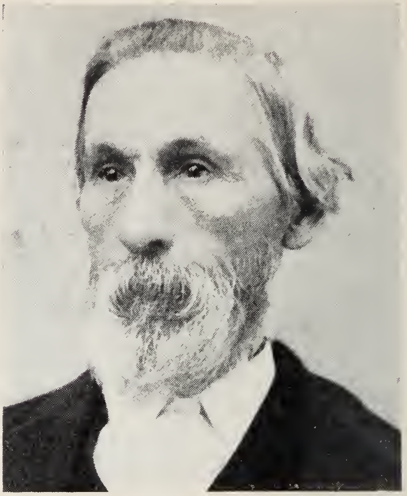
Nov. 24, 1846.

P.S. If you have any noshen to come out heare and if you want me to attend to anything abught your farthers estate I will with pleasure. Smith lives abught 30 miles from me and if you want me I will find out if your farther maid a will or not and how it stands. It wold ben the best thing you ever done to come out here—and a good many more of my old friends to make a easy and a good living—I want you to see V. David Davis—I want to know what he has done for me for I must have a meshean augar —he can get achance to send it by some one in the spring—Don't fale and right to me as soon as you see the persons I have menshend—and I will be happy to hear from you and all my old friends.

Rock, captain of the Vigilantes, was shot by the Driscolls in 1841, and immediately the entire country was scoured until the murderers were caught. A brief trial was given them, the entire one hundred and eleven Vigilantes serving as a jury, and being found guilty, they were shot without further parley, each being pierced by over fifty rifle balls. By this vigorous action, the settlers protected their interests very effectually until the time when the regular courts of justice dealt with this class of criminals. A number of settlers from this vicinity had a hand in the execution of the Driscolls.



NATHANIEL ALBERTUS ANKNEY died April 9, 1913, aged 79½ years. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Swingley) Ankney, and was born near Hagerstown, Md., August 17, 1833. At the age of four years, Mr. Ankney was brought to Mount Morris by his widowed mother, with a party of emigrants from Maryland, the trip being made overland by teams and requiring over a month. They arrived in the spring of 1837 and Mr. Ankney continued to live in Mount Morris the rest of his life except for about nine years that he spent at an early day in Mississippi and California. He was engaged in farming from 1866 to 1883, when he moved to town and followed his trade of carpenter. In 1869 he married Margaret Mumma, daughter of Shafer and Naomi Mumma, and they had one daughter, Mae. Mrs. Ankney died in 1904.



WILLIAM H. WATTS was among the early settlers to arrive at Mount Morris. He made a claim of 300 acres south of Mount Morris and this land has been in the Watts family ever since. Mr. Watts was born Jan. 29, 1819, at Funkstown, Md. He was a carpenter by trade and helped to build many of the first houses in Mount Morris. He worked on "Old Sandstone" during the entire time it was being built. He also broke much of the ground in the vicinity with an ox team. In 1849, he was married to Anna Amelia Ankney by Rev. N. J. Stroh. They had 11 children as follows: Thomas O., Albertus N., Ella E. (Mrs. Albert Fahrney), Mary Ann and Martha Ann (twins), William H., Anna Mae, James L., John E., Fred L., and Oliver S. Mr. Watts died Feb. 11, 1899, at the age of 80 years, and Mrs. Watts died Feb. 21, 1897, aged 67 years.

PRAIRIE FIRES

ANOTHER serious difficulty with which the early settlers had to contend, was the prairie fires. Occasionally some careless settler would allow fire to get started in the long, dry prairie grass and before it could be put out, the flames, fed by the thick growth of vegetation, would soon be speeding across the prairie with the speed of the wind, often faster than a horse could gallop—a leaping, devouring wall of flame and smoke. The settlers attempted to protect their homes from this danger by plowing a wide tract of land around their cabins, over which the flames could not leap. Occasionally, persons

THE ABOVE PICTURE represents a reunion held in June, 1896, of the descendants of the pioneer, John Wagner, which interesting family consisted of six sons and six daughters, all of whom were present at this reunion except Joseph who died in 1891.

were caught out on the prairies by these fires, and were compelled to adopt quick measures for safety, if flight were found impossible, by starting a new fire at the place where they stood. This, caught by the wind, would soon start ahead and burn a tract upon which they could advance and be free from the fire advancing in the rear. When the country became fairly well settled, and one of these fires would get started, the men over the whole neighborhood would turn out to fight the devouring element.

WILD GAME

THE early settlers found an abundance of wild game roaming over the prairie and in the forests. The most plentiful were the deer, thousands of which were native in this part of Illinois. They roamed in herds of from twenty-five to one hundred. These herds were to be found roaming on the prairie during the daytime but retreated to the timber at night. The settlers were able to keep a liberal supply of venison on hand most of the time.

CAPT. PETER HOUSEHOLDER came to Mount Morris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Householder, in 1837, with the first Maryland colony, when he was only two years old, and lived his entire life here. He was born August 10, 1835, at Williamsport, Md., and died in Mount Morris, March 14, 1914, at the age of nearly 79 years. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf., under Capt. J. M. Miller of Mount Morris. He was promoted to first lieutenant and later to captain of his company. He was wounded at the Battle of Stone River in 1862 and at Resaca in 1864. He was married in 1869 to Annie A. Sheets, to whom were born six children: Claude, William, Roy, Earl, Melvin and Blanche (Mrs. Arthur D. Klontz).

MICHAEL BOVEY came to Mount Morris with the "Maryland Colony" in the spring of 1837. He was born near Clear Spring, Md., Nov. 15, 1818, and was married there, but his wife died several years later. Soon after arriving at Mount Morris, where he worked for Capt. Nathaniel Swingley, he took up a claim in Maryland Township. He built a cabin on this claim and lived there for many years. In 1839, he married again to Margaret Welsh, and four children were born to them: Mary C. (Mrs. David Petrie), Samuel, Elizabeth (Mrs. Josiah Avey), and Lewis. Mrs. Bovey died in 1880 and Mr. Bovey moved to Mount Morris where he died in 1910 at the age of 92 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Josiah Avey.

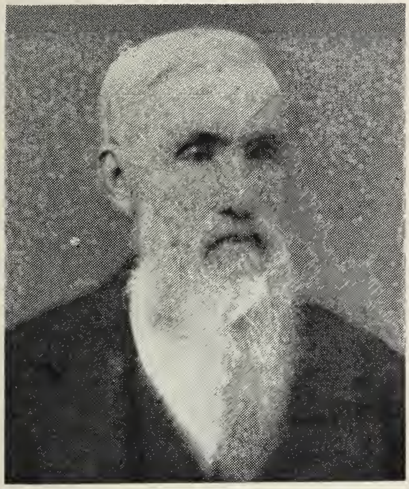
Small game was also very plentiful. Prairie chickens were very numerous and hunters could bag them by the hundred. Wild ducks were also plentiful in certain seasons and they afforded many delicious repasts for the hard-working pioneers. There were rabbits on the prairie and plenty of squirrels and pheasants in the timber.

In addition to the game, there were two varieties of wolves, the grey and the red, the latter being much smaller and more numerous. These animals were too small and timid to do the settlers bodily harm, but they sometimes made the night hideous with their barking and yelping. During the winter when food became scarce, they became quite bold in attacking some of the smaller domestic animals.

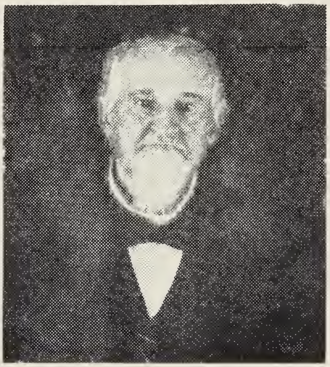
The thick prairie grass harbored a large variety of snakes, some of them being of a poisonous variety. Rattlesnakes were probably the most numerous, and occasionally some of the settlers were bitten by them, but they knew the proper treatment to avoid fatal results. Copperheads, blue racers and bull snakes were also plentiful, but in a few years the country was freed from these dangerous pests.

FOUNDING THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS

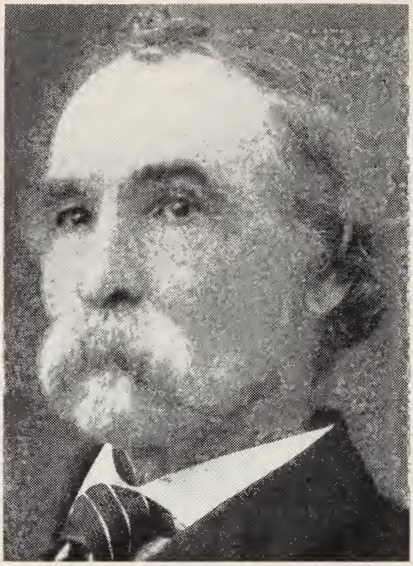
THE stories of the founding of Mount Morris and of Rock River Seminary are one and the same, and in a chapter devoted to the latter the subject is treated at some length. It will suffice to say here that the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was deeply interested in the cause of education, had, at the earnest solicitation of many of the then limited members of the church in the state, concluded to establish a seminary in Illinois, and appointed a committee to select a location. The members of the Maryland colony determined to land the enterprise if possible, and finally, having pledged an extraordinarily large sum, both in cash and in lands, they succeeded. The committee on May 4, 1839, proceeded to select a site for the proposed seminary, which was destined to exercise such an important influence in northern Illinois, and they drove the stake for the building on the summit of the open prairie. From this point the committee had a commanding view of the surrounding country, dotted on every side with near-approaching



PETER KNODLE, son of Jonathan and Barbara Knodle, was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 12, 1822. He came to Mount Morris in 1841 and assisted in the office of the Rock River Register, which was the first newspaper published in Ogle County. For many years Mr. Knodle was a familiar sight on the streets of Mount Morris. From the building of the railroad through Mount Morris until his death in 1892, Mr. Knodle was the owner of the bus and dray line, a period of over 20 years. In 1848, he married Mary Stauffer, and they had four children: Geo. M., Mary A., Alice I., and Andrew. His first wife died and in 1863 he married Mrs. Mary Crowell, and they had one child, Leona M. Mr. Knodle served the community as constable, tax collector, sheriff and school trustee.



REUBEN WAGNER, early settler and member of the well-known Wagner family, died Oct. 8, 1903, aged 76½ years. He was born April 8, 1827, near Hagerstown, Md., and at the age of ten years came with his parents in 1837 to Mount Morris. In 1853, he married Leah Brubaker, and they had four children, Harry, Nettie, William and Edwin. He engaged in farming, later owned a livery business in Mount Morris, and also spent a number of years in Polo and Chicago, retiring to Mount Morris two years before his death.



HENRY L. THOMAS, son of Joshua and Salina Thomas, was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 24, 1838, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 3, 1927, aged 88 years. When he was but two years old, his parents came to Ogle County, making the trip by team, which required six weeks. The family settled near Mount Morris and lived a truly pioneer life. In 1866, Mr. Thomas married Mary Ellen Felker and they finally settled on a farm northeast of Mount Morris, which was the family home until 1907, when they moved to Mount Morris. There were nine children in the family: Lillie, Ada and Nellie, who preceded the father in death, and Edgar, Florence E. (Mr. Chas. Zoller), Chas. H., Fred H., Kathryn (Mrs. Ed. Mumma), and Noble F. The mother died Feb. 13, 1928, aged nearly 82 years.

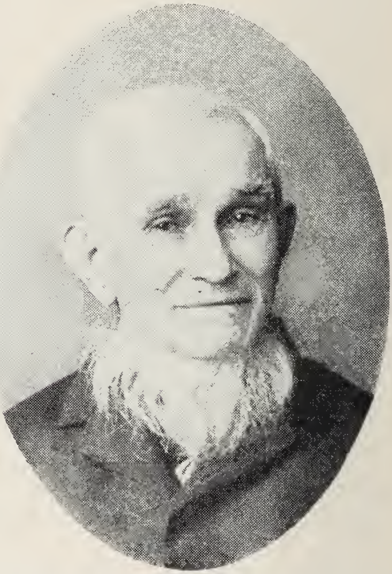
groves. All of the cabins built up to that time were located in or near the edge of the timber, and not a building was standing within what now constitutes the corporate limits of Mount Morris. Thus the selection of this site in the center of the prairie at the crest of the hill constituted the real founding of the village.

The contract for the erection of the first seminary building was let to James B. McCoy for the sum of $18,000.00 and work was begun immediately.

Before starting work on the seminary building, Mr. McCoy first erected a frame building in which to board his workmen. This building was actually the first house built within the present corporate limits of the village. It was located within the present campus limits on the south side, and after it had served its purpose it was moved in 1841 to the southwest side of town where it was occupied for many years as a residence by William Fouke.

The cornerstone of the seminary building was laid on July 4, 1839. This building stood through many years of usefulness but was finally torn down in 1893 to make room for the erection of a ladies' dormitory, which was built a few rods west of the old foundation.

The next building erected was a barn by Rev. John Sharp in 1840, but living quarters being in great demand at that

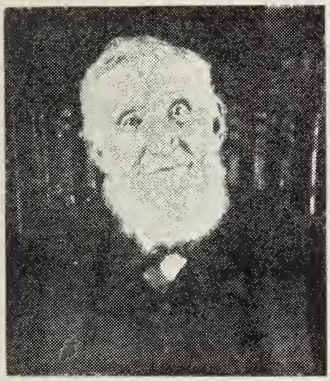


JOSEPH WAGNER was one of the very earliest pioneers of Ogle County. He was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Wagner, and was born near Boonsboro, Md., Sept. 21, 1826, and died at his home in Mount Morris, Jan. 14, 1908, aged over 81 years. He was of a family of 11 children and they came overland from Maryland in 1838, settling on a farm five miles north of Mount Morris. He engaged in farming until 15 years before his death when he retired to Mount Morris. Mr. Wagner was totally deaf for 30 years. He was married in 1859 to Susan Gearheart and seven children were born to them: Rosa B. Diehl, Mary E. Thomas, Rev. D. G. Wagner, Clara E. Ross, Samuel A. Wagner, Edith K. Roberts and W. F. Wagner.

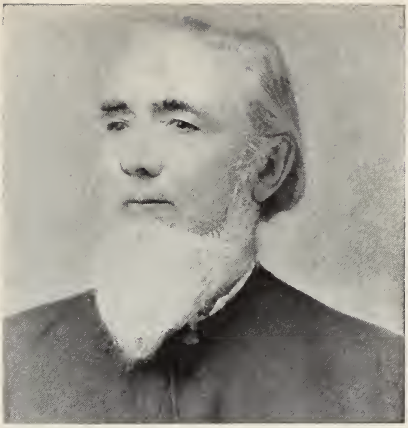
time, it was later divided into two apartments and occupied by Rev. Philo Judson and Frederick Petrie and their families, with one family in each room.

The next house built, the first one expressly for a residence, was a brick structure erected on the northeast corner opposite the Methodist Church. It was used for a time as a hotel and was finally torn down in 1872 by Andrew Newcomer who built a large frame building in its place which stood for many years and was recently replaced by a modern residence.

After the completion of the first seminary building, there was quite a building boom in the years 1840 and 1841 and on Jan. 1, 1842, there were twenty-one houses in the village. During the first several years the seminary was the only enterprise in the village, the inhabitants being principally those connected with that institution. The Rock River Register, Mount Morris's first newspaper, which was established in the latter part of 1841, contained the following item in its issue of Jan. 1, 1842:

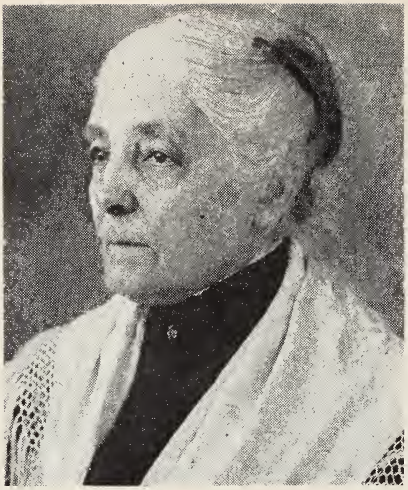


JACOB A. KNODLE, early pioneer, died Oct. 23, 1903, aged 80 years. He was born near Fairplay, Md., Oct. 10, 1823. He was one of the nine children of Jonathan and Barbara Knodle, who in 1841 came to Mount Morris to make their home. They made the trip in an emigrant wagon. The father was the publisher of the Rock River Register, the first newspaper in Mount Morris, and Jacob doubtless worked in this primitive printing plant. He was first married in 1848 to Ann Little, and they had a son, Frank F. The mother died in 1855, and Mr. Knodle married again, after thirteen years, to Hannah Wagner, who survived him. Mr. Knodle lived in Mount Morris over 62 years. He was a wood worker by trade.



BENJAMIN SWINGLEY was one of the early settlers in Mount Morris Township. He came west with his father, Michael Swingley, in 1842. He was born in Washington County, Md., Sept. 17, 1816. He was married Nov. 31, 1837, to Catherine Hershey, and was the father of eight children: John H., Oliver H., Mrs. John E. McCoy, Mrs. Samuel Mumma, Mrs. Jacob G. Miller, Mrs. Wm. H. Rowe, Mrs. Henry Domer and Mrs. Joseph Moats. Mr. Swingley died Sept. 8, 1905, aged 89 years.

"We hail from the top of Mount Morris; and it is our purpose, while we reign editorially, to hail very effectually —each of our conglomerations being of the 'weight of a talent.' Most seriously, we hail from the new and hale little village of Mount Morris, in Ogle County, State of Illinois (en passant, we shall not be very ill in noise; we hope to do a share of noise—but to Ogle shall be far from us!). Well, Mount Morris was well founded in the spring of 1841, and it is now already found, when not yet ten months old, to hold 282 souls, inclusive of the teachers and students of Rock River Seminary, which dignifies the center of the village. This day, Jan. 1, 1842, the citizens number 137 and the town consists of twenty-one houses. Mount Morris is five miles west of Oregon city, in the same county, and eighty miles west of Chicago. It is handsomely situated on a considerably elevated portion of one of the most beautiful and extraordinary prairies which distinguish Illinois—especially the Rock River region, for abundance and excellence of



MRS. SARAH HIESTAND RICE was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 27, 1836, and was brought to Mount Morris by her parents, Henry and Elizabeth Hiestand in 1837, when she was only one year old. The family settled on a farm north of town where Mrs. Rice grew to womanhood. In January, 1857, she was married to Dr. Isaac Rice, and three children were born to them: Roland, who died in infancy; Anna, who died at the age of 18, and Joseph L. Rice, who died in 1931. Mrs. Rice died July 18, 1921, aged over 85 years. The father died in 1897, and there are no survivors of this family.

agricultural productions. Mount Morris is named in honor of Bishop Morris, of the M. E. Church."

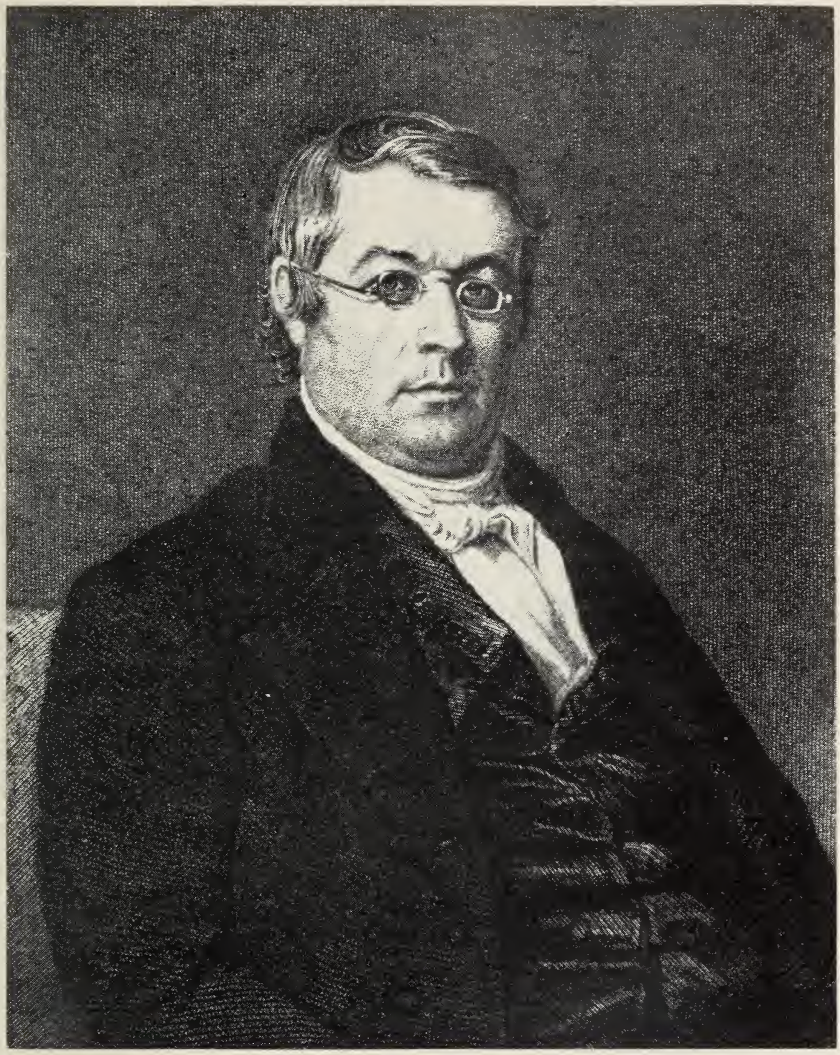
In regard to the actual naming of Mount Morris, there is some question. In a history of Ogle County, published in 1878 by H. F. Kett & Co., the following appears on page 296:

"Mount Morris (was named) after Bishop Morris, an eminent divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This distinguished and Worthy Bishop died at his home in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, a few years ago."

On page 470 of the same history appears the following:

"During the summer and fall of 1839, a portion of the prairie around the building in process of erection was surveyed and platted by D. Fletcher Hitt, and the embryo town was named Mount Morris. The Rock River Register, in 1842, stated that the town was named in honor of Bishop Robert Morris, and this is the prevailing impression among the present survivors of that day. Professor Pinckney states, on the authority of Horace Miller, Esq., of Kishwaukee, that he, Miller, gave this town its name in honor of Mount Morris, Genesee County, N.Y., his former residence. Mr. Miller was a prominent and influential member of the Methodist Church at Kishwaukee, who had been active in his efforts to secure the location of the Seminary at that point. He had failed, but he was still deeply interested in the enterprise; was one of the first trustees of the institution, and, under the circumstances, it is very natural to suppose that he might have been permitted the honor of naming the town where it was located. It seems probable that both may be correct. Judge Miller, having suggested the name of his old town, the Methodist Elders at once adopted it,

MRS. BARBARA McNEILL died April 21, 1915, aged nearly 80 years. She was born in Washington County, Md., October 6, 1835, and she was a member of the large Wagner family which arrived in Mount Morris in the spring of 1837. Her parents were John and Catherine (Rice) Wagner and there were twelve children in the family, two of whom were born after the family arrived in Mount Morris. Barbara Wagner was married in 1857 to Dr. F. A. McNeill, a prominent physician of Mount Morris, who died in 1872. Dr. McNeill had four children by a previous marriage, and the second union brought four children, Katherine (who became a famous singer) and Frank and two who died in infancy.



BISHOP THOMAS A. MORRIS, after whom the Village of Mount Morris was named, was a senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was born in Virginia about 1794. He began his ministerial work in the Ohio Conference in 1816 and traveled extensively in several of the western states for nearly twenty years, experiencing many privations and adventures which were incident to the early Methodist ministry in the west. In 1834 he was appointed editor of the Western Christian Advocate at Cincinnati and in 1836 was ordained a bishop. He was small of stature, noticeably rotund, and with a physiognomy grave but not severe. He lived to be about 80 years of age and died in Springfield, Ohio. It is not known whether he was ever in Mount Morris but it is quite possible that he was, during the early Rock River Seminary days.

because it was in honor of Bishop Morris as well."

John McFarland built one of the first houses in the village and John Ankney, who had settled at Elkhorn Grove soon after the Blackhawk War, moved to Mount Morris in order to educate his children, and built a house in town. Dr. James J. Beatty, who came from Maryland, was the first physician. He died on the plains, while en route for California, in 1851.

The first birth in the village was that of John R. Petrie, son of F. G. Petrie, about 1840. The first burial in the cemetery was a little daughter of Nathaniel Swingley.

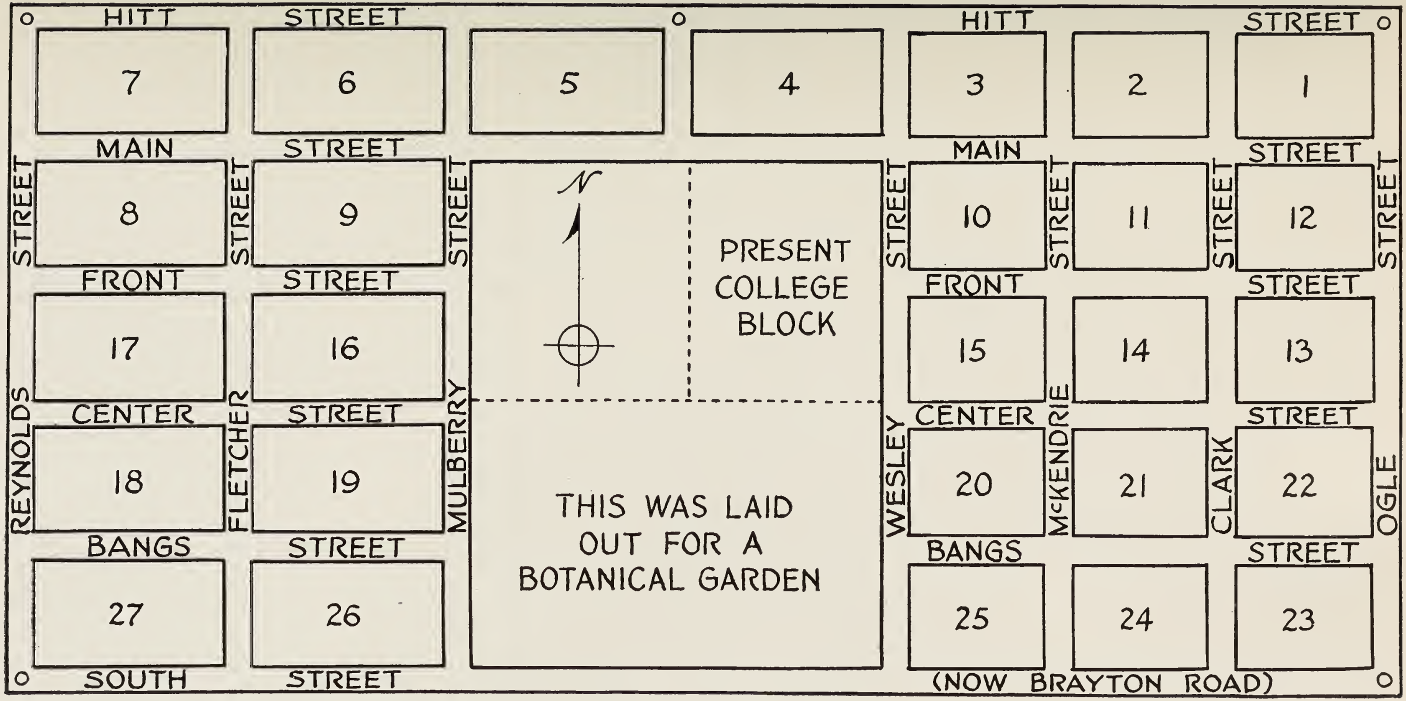
LAYING OUT OF THE VILLAGE

THE Village of Mount Morris was officially laid out in 1841 by the trustees of Rock River Seminary who owned the entire tract of land on which the village now stands. The Seminary reserved eight blocks for its purposes and laid out 27 blocks containing 310 lots. The south half of the space reserved for the Seminary was to be laid out as a Botanical Garden but later this was cut up into blocks and is now known as the Botanical Addition.

For many years the two blocks immediately west of the present campus were not laid out and a wooden fence surrounded the entire four blocks comprising the seminary property. The two west blocks were eventually laid out in lots and these two blocks are known as the Seminary Addition to the village. The original layout of the village as surveyed by Rock River Seminary is shown on the opposite page. This layout is recorded at Oregon as follows:

"Daniel F. Hitt, Deputy Surveyor for Ogle County, Illinois, certifies that he was employed by the Trustees of the Rock River Seminary to survey and lay out said town and that he commenced on April 5, 1841, and surveyed and laid out the said town, commencing at the quarter-section corner on the East boundary of Section 27, Township 24, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., and run due east at a variation of 8° East 864 feet and there set a post and stone for the extreme northeast corner of said town, and thence run due south 1520 feet and there set a post and stone for the extreme southeast corner of said town, and thence run due west 3366 feet, and there set a post and stone for the extreme southwest corner of said town, and thence run due north 1520 feet and there set a post and stone for the extreme northwest corner of said town, and from thence run due east 2502 feet to the place of beginning, and then subdivided all the within plat of ground into blocks, lots, streets and public grounds, making 27 blocks and 310 lots, all of equal size except the lots in the second and third tiers of blocks, which only differ from the rest by being five feet shorter North and South; and 14 streets, all of which are 66 feet wide except the most northern one, which is

JOHN ANKNEY, early pioneer of Ogle County and a resident of Mount Morris in the early fifties, was born in Somerset County, Pa., Sept. 15, 1787, a son of Peter and Mary M. (Kimmel) Ankney. He came to Illinois in 1818 and settled in Jackson County, where he lived until 1827, when he located at Galena. In December, 1829, with some others, he was appointed to lay out a road from Galena to Dixon's Ferry, and it was during this work that he made a claim near Buffalo Grove (now Polo). On his return after finishing the survey, he discovered that Isaac Chambers had selected the same spot for his home, so Mr. Ankney went about a half mile west, on the north side of Buffalo Creek, and made a second claim. In January, 1830, Mr. Ankney and his two eldest sons, Harrison B. and Oliver R., built a cabin on the claim and the rest of the family came to the new home in April of the following spring. The first wedding ever celebrated in that vicinity was the marriage of Mr. Ankney's only daughter to S. M. Journey, early in 1832. In 1849, Mr. Ankney moved to Mount Morris where he built a house, and in March, 1849, was appointed postmaster, which position he held until his death, June 15, 1853. He apparently was engaged in business, as the Mount Morris Gazette in January, 1851, carried his advertisement headed "Horse Farrier," stating that he had a well-selected stock of horse medicines on hand. Nothing more is known of his family except that he had another son, T. C. Ankney, who was in the grocery business in the early fifties, doing business as Ankney's Auction and Commission Store.


HITT STREET
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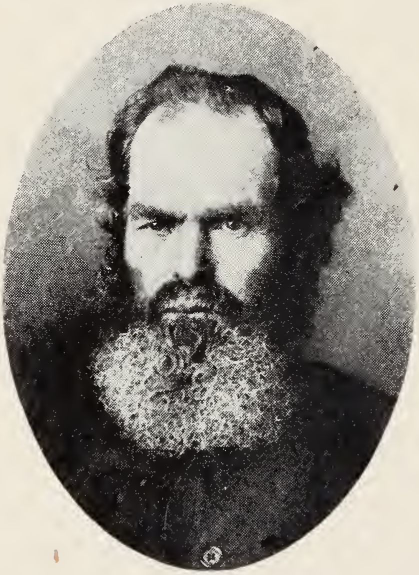
PRESENT COLLEGE BLOCK
THIS WAS LAID OUT FOR A BOTANICAL GARDEN

THE ORIGINAL VILLAGE of Mount Morris was laid out as above in 1839. The land all belonged to Rock River Seminary and ample space was reserved for the future growth of the institution. The four blocks to the south were laid out for a botanical garden and the two blocks to the west of the present campus were reserved for campus purposes. These six blocks were later laid out in lots and sold. The survey was made by D. Fletcher Hitt and it was discovered years afterward that he used a chain which was nearly a foot too long.

only 10 feet wide and it runs east and west along the quarter-section line, and three public squares; the most central one is the square in which the Seminary stands and is 990 feet east and west and 574 feet wide north and south, and one lying immediately along the south side of the last described square (or Seminary square) is the same length and is 594 feet wide north and south and is reserved for a Botanical Garden.

"S. M. Hitt, Martin Reynolds, John Sharp, Thos. S. Hitt, John Wallace and Lander S. Walker, Trustees of the Rock River Seminary, acknowledge the said plat to be their act and deed, and that they have caused the same to be reserved and laid out as therein represented, the streets for public use and the lots for the Trustees of Mount Morris for the use of Mount Morris Seminary."

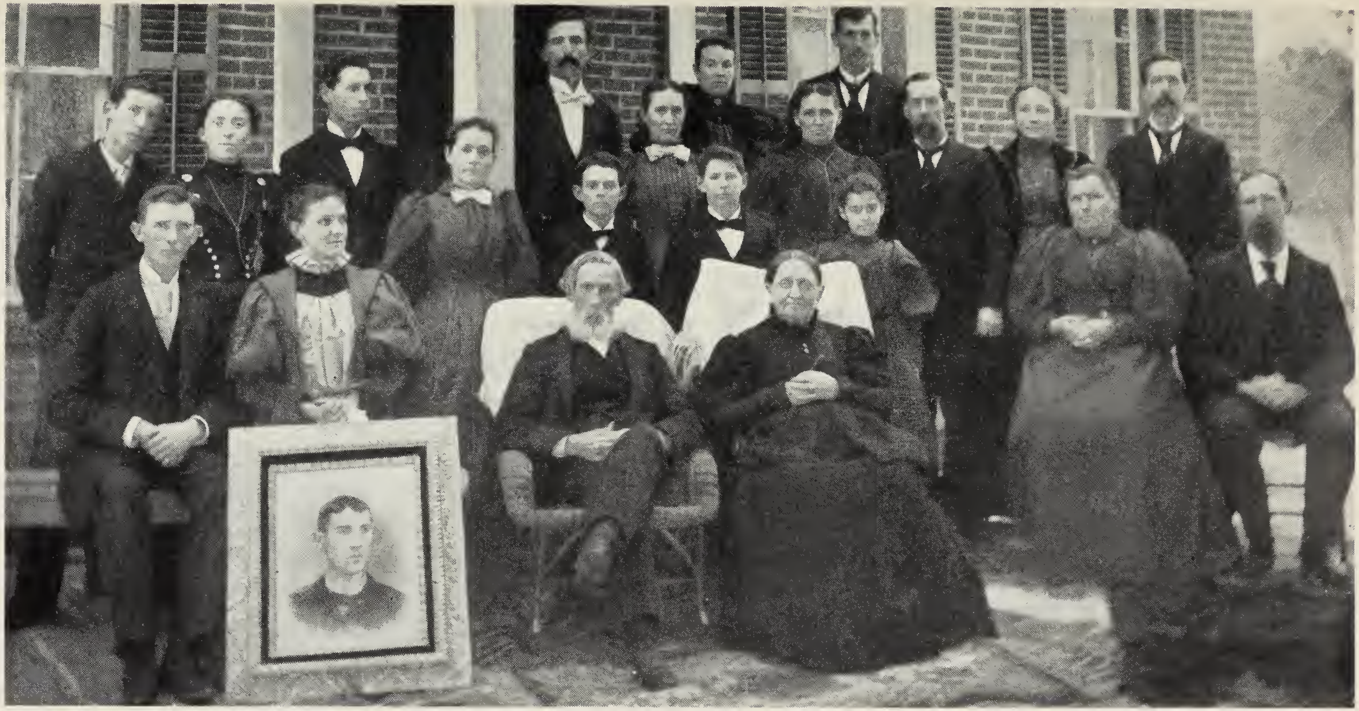


MICHAEL E. MILLER came to Mount Morris from Maryland in 1842 with his parents when he was but a year old. Most of his life was spent cultivating his farm west of town. He also owned and operated the Mount Morris Creamery for several years and later had a general store in the Seibert Block. He died June 12, 1906, at the age of 65 years. In January, 1866, he married Elizabeth Welty, and to them were born fourteen children. Three died in infancy, the others being Mrs. Mary Neiman, Mrs. Grace Davenport, Mrs. Ida Potter, Oliver L., George M., Mrs. Bertha Bennett, Mrs. Daisy Newcomer, Mrs. Carrie Keplinger, Daniel L., Mrs. Anna Hanes and Susan V.

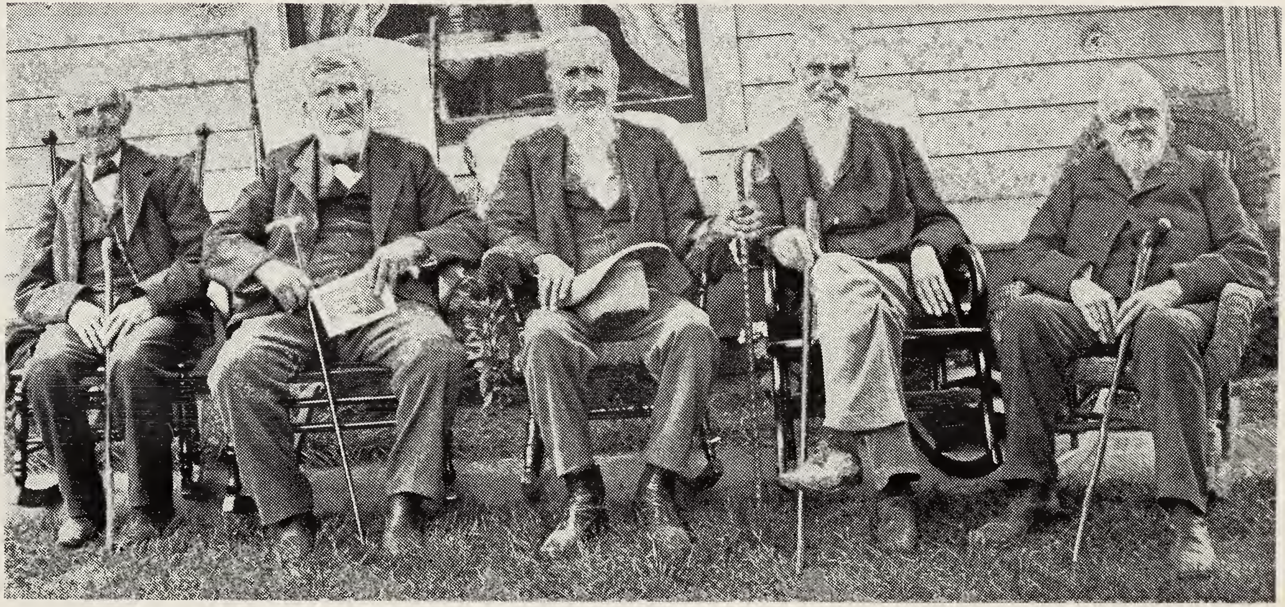
It appears that the original survey and plat of the Village was not properly recorded and in 1875 the Village Board of Trustees employed A. Q. Allen to make a new survey which brought out the interesting fact that the chain used for the original survey was too long. The record of this re-survey as it was officially filed with the Recorder of Deeds is as follows:

"A. Q. Allen, County Surveyor of Ogle County, certifies that at the request and by the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation of Mount Morris, he made a re-survey of the Original Town of Mount Morris (there appearing no plat upon record of the same) and having ascertained, both by observation and personal examination of the chain by which the original survey was made, that it was 8/10 of a foot too long, he made the survey to correspond with said measurement and marked on the plat the exact size of the lots, blocks, streets and alleys in feet and tenths of a foot, and that the plat made by him is a correct representation of the plan and location of said town as made by Fletcher Hitt in the original survey of said town, and that he found the old original stones still standing; that said town is situated, as shown by said plat, partly on the South East ¼ of Section 27 and partly on the South West ¼ of Section 26, Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., and that this survey was made to correspond as near as practicable with the original survey thereof.

"Samuel Lookabaugh, President, and Samuel Mumma, Secretary, certify that said survey and plat was made in accordance with an order of the Board of Trustees of the corporation of Mount Morris, inasmuch as there appeared no plat of record of the original survey; said order was passed for the express purpose of perpetuating said survey and the more fully to confirm the titles to the lots in said town, and to conform more fully to the law in such cases made and provided."



THIS PICTURE of the well-known William Watts family was taken about the year 1890. The father and mother are seated in the center. They were married in 1849. Mr. Watts came to Mount Morris in 1837 and Mrs. Watts, who was Anna Amelia Ankney, came with her widowed mother in 1837. The others in the family are as follows: Seated at left, Fred Watts and Fanny Felker Watts; seated at right, Martha Avey Watts and Thomas Watts; three children in center. Willis, Alvin and Ada Fahrney; back row, left to right, Earl Watts, Grace Watts Baker, Oliver S. Watts, Mollie Watts, James L. Watts, Martha Watts, Ella McNett Watts, Ella Watts Fahrney, William Watts, Albert Fahrney, Victoria Weller Watts, Albertus Watts. The picture in the frame is of John Watts who died before the picture was taken.



THIS GROUP OF OLD MEN were among the earliest settlers in this locality. They all came in about 1837, 100 years ago. From left to right, Michael Bovey, Michael Brantner, Benj. Swingley, Henry Sharer and Frederick Drexler. All have been dead for many years.

Chapter 2

EARLY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

DURING the hundred years since the founding of Mount Morris, hundreds of business enterprises have been established and conducted for various periods of time. In the early days nearly every store carried a general line of merchandise including dry goods, clothing, hardware, groceries, drugs, etc., but as the years went by more stores were established and these various lines of merchandise were carried separately. Naturally many of the business enterprises were short-lived or kept changing hands, while a few were conducted for many years by the same men.

As far as can be learned, the first store in Mount Morris was opened in October, 1841, by Daniel Brayton and his son, Frederick. This was a general store in an addition on the west side of a small house which they erected that summer located just west of the present Wishard Building. The senior Brayton was a Methodist minister and occasionally preached in the old Seminary chapel. On page 41 is shown a reproduction of the first ad ever inserted in a newspaper in Ogle County and shows the great variety of merchandise carried in this store. After the death of Daniel Brayton, the business continued in the Brayton family, first by Frederick B. Brayton and then for many years by his son, A. W. Brayton. Thus the first store established stayed in the same family through the entire early history of the village.

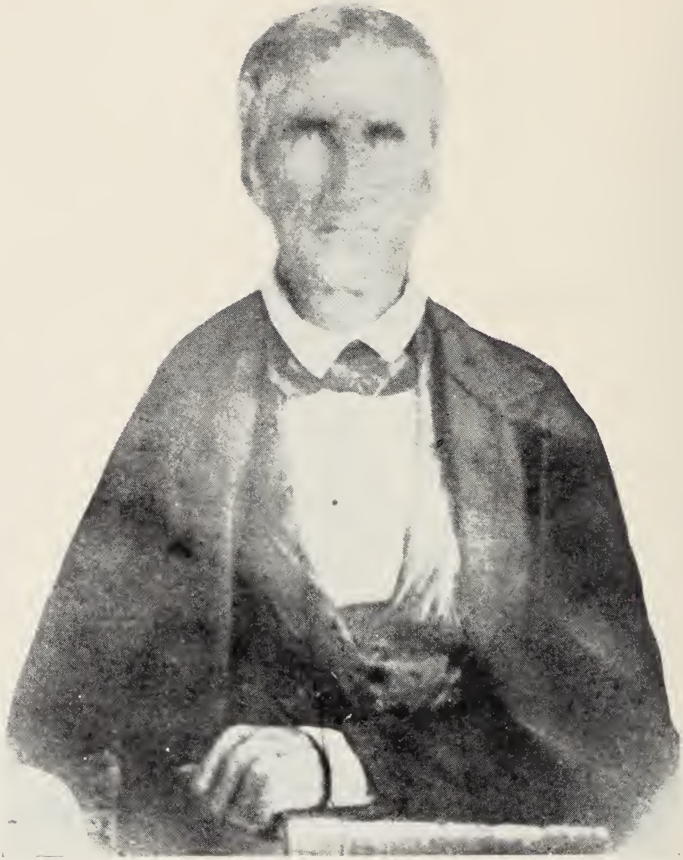
The second store of any importance was a general store opened several years after that of the Braytons by Samuel Brents. This store was located in a small brick building which stood on the northeast corner of Wesley Ave. and Front St., which was later replaced by the large brick building known as the Seibert Block.

From the time of its founding in 1839, the village gradually increased in size until in 1855 it became a prominent trading point and seemed destined to become the largest town in Ogle County, but during that year the Illinois Central Railroad was built from Freeport to Dixon and the new town of Polo attracted some of the business which Mount Morris had formerly enjoyed. The village continued to grow nevertheless.

In 1866, after the close of the war, there appears to have been a considerable increase in business in Mount Morris and numerous new stores were opened.

The first bank in Mount Morris was established in 1877 by Charles Newcomer and Isaac Rice and continued for nearly twenty years when it was consolidated with the Citizens Bank.

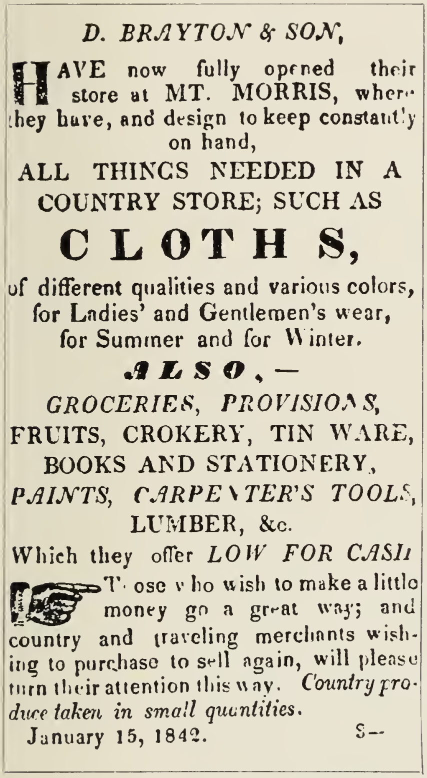
The hotel business dates back almost to the founding of the village. Daniel Brayton kept a public house from the time of the establishment of his store in 1841. The first regular tavern was erected by James Clark several years later. This was an old brick building which stood on the corner of Wesley Ave. and Main St., now occupied by the Wishard Building. In 1851, W. S. Blair opened Blair's Hotel in the brick house on the corner of McKendrie Ave. and Bangs St., and this hotel continued in operation until about the year 1880. In 1854, Johnathan Mumma built the old hotel on the present site of the Kable Inn, which was known as the "Eldorado House." It was purchased in 1858 by J. M. Webb and continued for many years as Webb's Hotel. This building was torn down in 1894 and the front part of the



REV. DANIEL BRAYTON was a Methodist minister for many years in New York State and came west with his family by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, arriving in Mount Morris in 1841. With his son, F. B. Brayton, he opened the first store in Mount Morris in October, 1841. It was a general store and was located in an addition on the west side of a small house which they erected that summer at about the present location of Schmucker's Restaurant on Main St. At about this same time, Rev. Brayton's wife, whose maiden name was Ann Wing, operated the hotel in the old brick building which stood on the corner now occupied by the Wishard Bldg. It is said that the hotel was often crowded with land seekers who stopped in Mount Morris on their way to Dixon where the land office was then located. Transportation in those days was very slow by team and wagon over very poor roads, and there was consequently a rush to get started early from the hotel. Mrs. Brayton frequently worked until 12 o'clock at night, spent three or four hours in a rocking chair and went to work again in the hotel at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning in order to get the land seekers started on their way. Rev. Brayton died June 30, 1851. The date of his wife's death is not available. There were four children in the family: Frederick B., George, Mary (Mrs. Nathan Judson), and Elizabeth.

present hotel erected by Chas. Rohrer.

When the Chicago & Iowa Railroad was put through Mount Morris in 1871, a remarkable business boom followed. Elevators were built and the stock and grain buying business flourished. Robert R. Hitt and Emily Hitt laid off the Railroad Addition to the Village in 1872. Maurice Hitt thought that the building of the railroad north of the business section of the village would draw all new mercantile structures in that direction and consequently he erected a store building a few rods south of the depot on the site now occupied by the Kable plant. This supposition proved a mistake and the building was moved southward to the business portion of the village. This building was later used by A. W. Brayton for many years and is still standing.



D. BRAYTON & SON,

HAVE now fully opened their store at MT. MORRIS, where they have, and design to keep constantly on hand,

ALL THINGS NEEDED IN A COUNTRY STORE; SUCH AS

CLOTHS,

of different qualities and various colors, for Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear, for Summer and for Winter.

ALSO,—

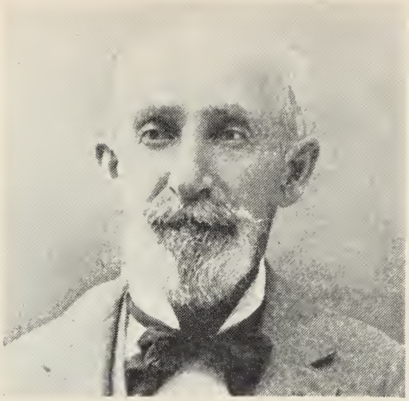
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
FRUITS, CROKERY, TIN WARE,
BOOKS AND STATIONERY,
PAINTS, CARPENTER'S TOOLS,
LUMBER, &c.

Which they offer *LOW FOR CASH*

☞ Those who wish to make a little money go a great way; and country and traveling merchants wishing to purchase to sell again, will please turn their attention this way. *Country produce taken in small quantities.*

January 15, 1842. S—

THE ABOVE advertisement of D. Brayton & Son is unique in the fact that it advertises the first store started in Mount Morris is 1842. It appeared in the Rock River Register which was the first newspaper published in Mount Morris and also in Ogle County. The owners of this store were Rev. Daniel Brayton and Frederick B. Brayton, grandfather and father of A. W. Brayton.

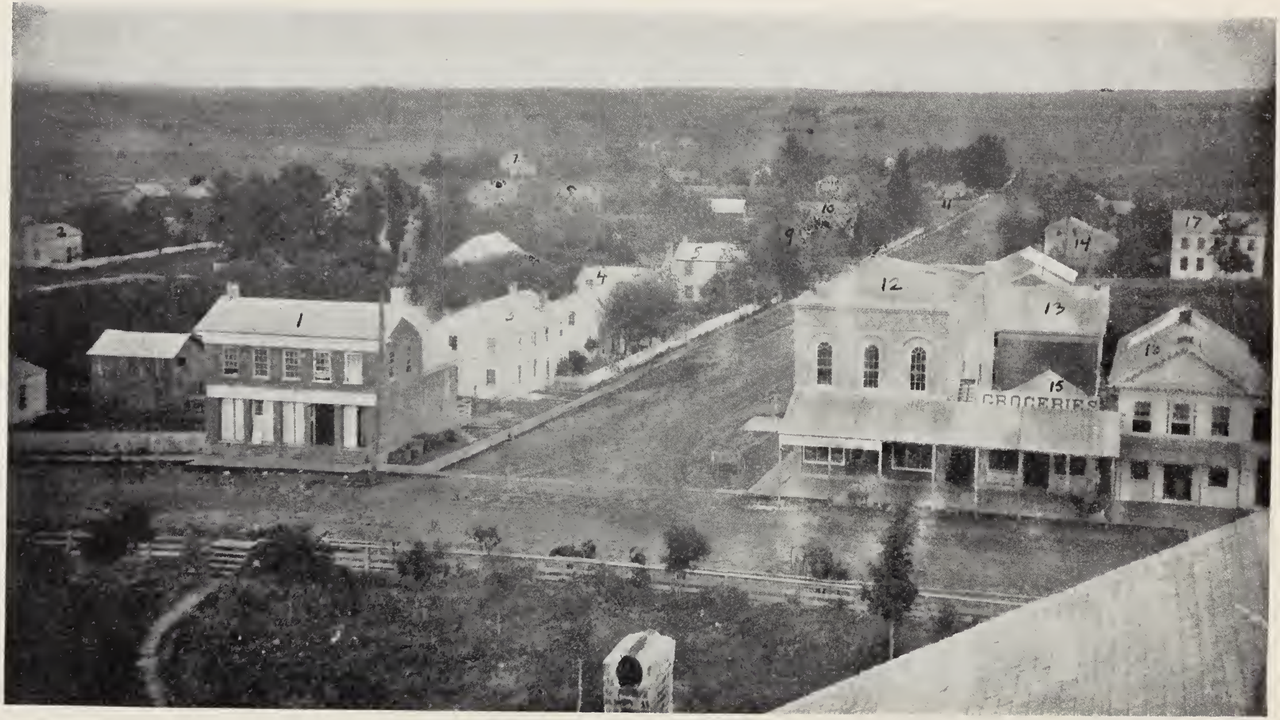


GEORGE BRAYTON, brother of F. B. Brayton, conducted a tailor shop in Mount Morris for about 15 years in the early days. His advertisement in the Mount Morris Gazette of Jan. 9, 1851, states that he was located one door south of F. B. Brayton's Drug and Dry Goods Store on Wesley Ave. Mr. Brayton later moved to Minneapolis, where he died.

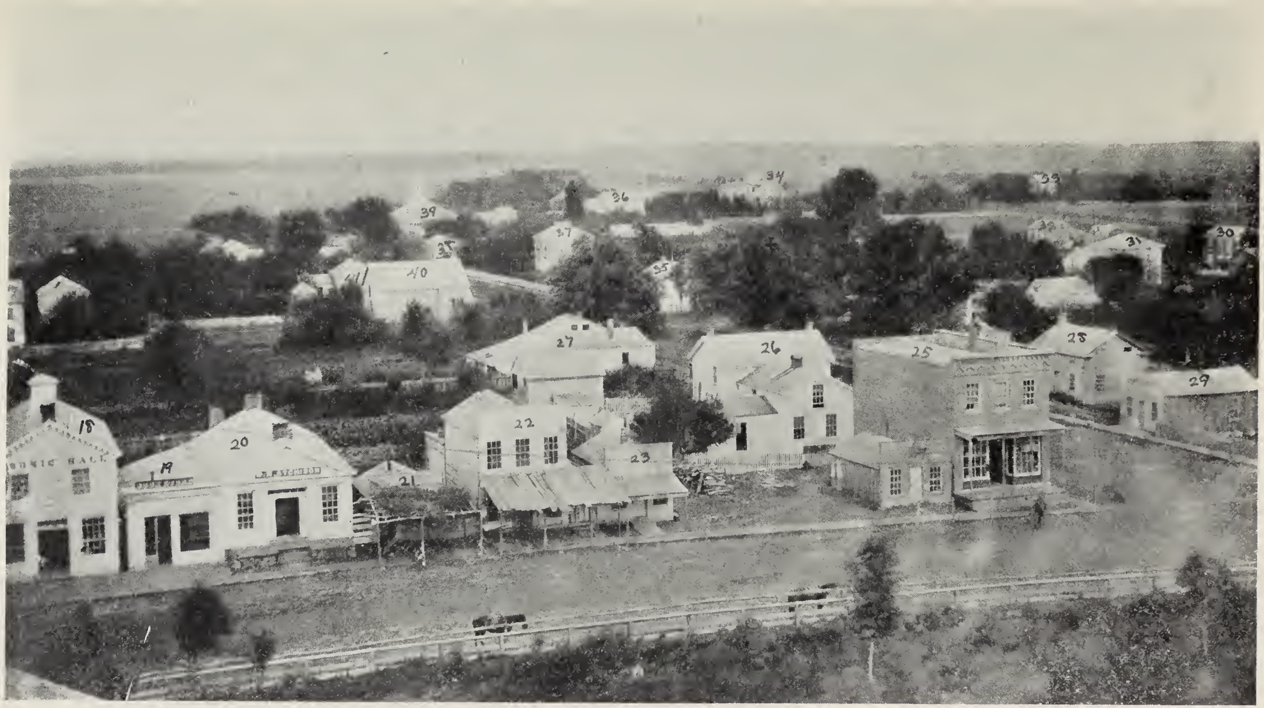
Shortly after the building of the railroad through Mount Morris, a large number of substantial brick structures were erected. The Seibert Building, a two-story brick structure with an opera house above and three business rooms below, was commenced in April, 1873, and was completed in March of the following year.

In 1874, another large two-story building, costing $12,000.00, was erected by Henry Sharer, John Sprecher and J. H. Nye. It is located on the southeast corner of Wesley Ave. and Main St. This building also contained three store rooms on the first floor. The present Masonic Building was built by Sprecher & Clevidence in 1876 and the brick building just south of it was built by Cyrus Alden in 1875.

During the early nineties, another period of prosperity overtook the village as the result of which more than seventy-five new residences, two college buildings, the Old Folks' Home, five or six store buildings and the old bank



THIS BIRDS-EYE VIEW of Mount Morris was taken about 1870 from the top of "Old Sandstone." No. 12 is the only building now standing. It was built by Brayton & Baker for their store, and is now occupied by the Hough Hardware Co. The two-story brick building, No. 1, was built between 1842 and 1845, but at first was only one story high. In this building Wood & Petrie kept their general store at an early day, and later Lookabaugh & Middour were engaged in business there. The building was torn down in 1873 to make room for the present building, known as the Seibert Block, now owned by J. H. Ritson. No. 16 was built by Brayton & Baker. After standing there for a number of years, it was moved to the northeast end of town and used for a residence until torn down by N. E. Buser for his new residence.



THIS BIRD'S-EYE VIEW of the south business block of Mount Morris was taken from the top of Old Sandstone about the year 1870. The only building now standing is No. 25, which was built in 1857 by Joseph S. Nye and used as a hardware store by him for about ten years. Since then it has had many occupants, mostly as a grocery store. No. 18 is the old Masonic Building, which was built about 1848, and used as a Masonic Hall from that time until 1876, when the present Masonic Block was erected. In this old building, many of the old-timers were given their degrees in Masonry. No. 19 was occupied by Samuel Knodle as a bookstore. No. 20 was the Sons of Temperance Building. No. 21 was Peyton Skinner's shoe shop. No. 22 was the property of Edward Davis and housed the postoffice at one time. It was torn down in 1899 to make room for H. E. Newcomer's new brick building. No. 23 was the office of Dr. G. B. Stephens.

building, together with various other structures of more or less importance, were erected. During 1894, more buildings were put up in Mount Morris than all the other Ogle County towns combined.

The next building boom in Mount Morris commenced after the Kable plant began to grow rapidly in its new location at the north end of town. This building boom has never let up since that time except for several years during the depression of 1932-1935.

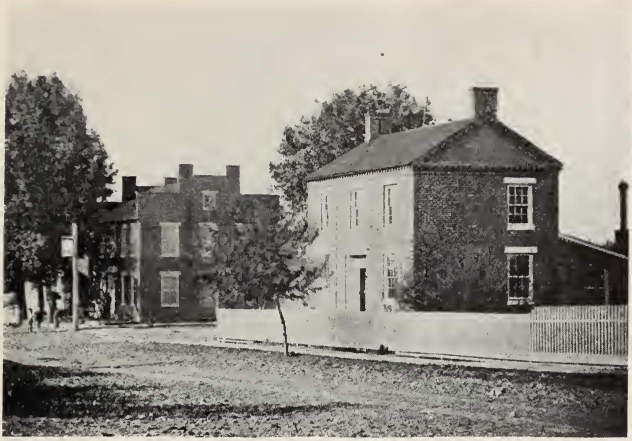
Robert Newcomer in 1920 opened up the Hitt Addition in the northwest corner of town and Joseph Young later opened up an addition to the west of the Hitt Addition. Then in 1930 Kable Brothers Company laid out the Kable Addition directly west of the plant. During this period, many new houses have been built in these three new additions. The fact of the matter is that building of new residences has lagged considerably behind the actual needs required by the growth of the Kable plant and many employes have been compelled to find living quarters in Oregon and other nearby towns.

UPTON MILLER, for many years a prominent business man of Mount Morris, died April 8, 1903, aged 75 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., March 21, 1828. He was the only undertaker in Mount Morris for nearly thirty years, and officiated at hundreds of funerals of Mount Morris people. He also built most of the coffins with his own hands. Mr. Miller came to Mount Morris in 1857, and was continuously in business for nearly fifty years, being followed by his son, Wm. H. Miller. He married Maria Louise Davis in 1849, and they had six children: William H., Cyrus, Eliza J., John D., Mary E., and Thomas M. Mrs. Miller died in 1885, and in 1887 he was again married to Catherine (Koontz) Newcomer.

PETER FUNK, an early settler of Mount Morris, died Sept. 11, 1902, aged nearly 85 years. He was born at Beaver Creek, Md., Jan. 18, 1818, and came to Mount Morris in 1845. He conducted a blacksmith shop as early as 1851 and later opened the first livery stable in Mount Morris in 1852. He married Sarah A. Horner, who died in 1851. He was married again in 1852 to Isabella Heller, to whom were born seven children.

Chapman Brothers History of Ogle County, published in 1886, gave the following list of business firms in Mount Morris at that time:

"The business and material interests of Mount Morris have always been of a substantial character, and this is true with the fall of 1885, as well as in all its past history. At that time the general merchandise was controlled by Sprecher & Clevidence and George Windle, who both carried good stocks of all goods usually found in stores of this kind. D. N. Wingert was a dealer in dry goods,



THIS PICTURE was taken about 1873 and shows Blair's Hotel at the left. This hotel was opened by W. S. Blair in the spring of 1851 and contained sixteen rooms for guests. It was used for a hotel for over thirty years. In later years, it was remodeled for a residence by Dr. G. B. McCosh and now occupied by Dr. J. H. Ritson. The brick house at the right was occupied for many years as a residence by Samuel Knodle, and is still standing.

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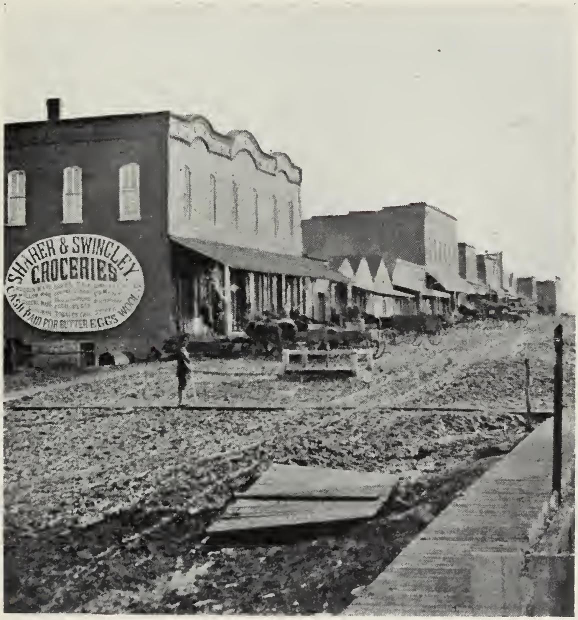
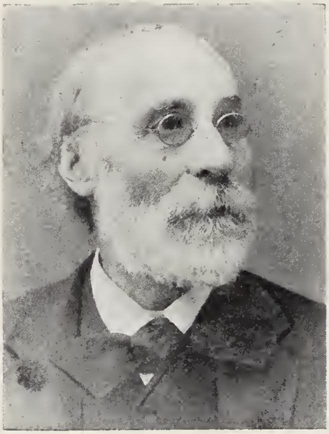


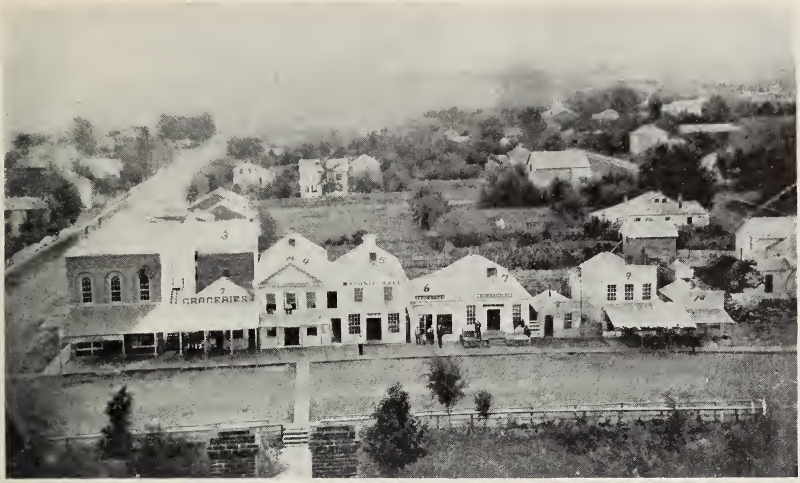
THIS IS THE WAY the business section of Mount Morris looked in 1876, looking south from the corner now occupied by the Wishard Building. Note the old town pump in the center of the intersection and the muddy condition of the street; also the large sign of Sharer & Swingley, who at that time were in the grocery business.

and in a separate room carried a fine stock of groceries. In addition to Mr. Wingert, the grocery trade was controlled by Holly C. Clark (who also carried a line of boots), Newcomer Bros., and A. R. Binkley; Armstrong & Price were clever dealers in hardware and carried a large stock. A. W. Brayton, as successor of the first firm ever in trade in Mount Morris, carried a fine line of drugs, books and stationery. Peyton Skinner and Henry Gebhardt were boot and shoe makers. The furniture trade was in the hands of Wm. Miller, who was also undertaker. A. R. Binkley and H. E. Binkley each had restaurants where the hungry were fed. E. O. Startzman was the baker of the town. Mrs. Susie Sharer and Mrs. Sarah Coggins were milliners. Sprecher & Clevidence were dealers in grain, and also were engaged in the stock trade, together with Samuel Mumma. Wm. H. Jackson carried on the creamery business quite extensively, distributing quite a large amount of money among the farmers in the vicinity. Jacob Fager was in the jewelry business, and Joseph Thomas in the harness trade, each of whom had a good trade. Joseph Hosking was the photographer. Newcomer & Mumma supplied the people with fresh meat. The banking business was conducted by Newcomer & Rice, men of experience and reliable in every respect. W. D. Rathbun was the livery-man. The lumber trade was in the hands of the Minnesota Lumber Co., represented here by Chas. Buck. The wagon makers were Benj. Tracy, Jacob Knodle, Alferd Doward. The blacksmiths were Calvin Potter, Peter Valentine, Nicho-



SAMUEL KNODLE was a prominent figure in the business circles of Mount Morris for many years. He was the son of Samuel and Jane Knodle and was born at Fairplay, Md., Aug. 4, 1820. He died Feb. 10, 1907, at the age of 87 years. For nearly 50 years he was continuously in business in Mount Morris, the greater part of the time in the jewelry business, and several times in the printing business. He taught school in the east, and came to Mount Morris in 1856, intending to teach school here, but instead opened a jewelry shop in the Eldorado House, conducted by Jonathan Mumma, and continued in that business until he retired in 1900. He filled many public offices in Mount Morris, including township clerk, village clerk, township collector, and member and president of the village board of trustees. Mr. Knodle married Ellen Dick in 1843, and they had nine children, five of whom died quite young. The others were Ernest, Edwin, Mrs. G. E. Coffman and Mrs. Jennie Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Knodle celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 12, 1893.

MRS. SARAH J. COGGINS came to Mount Morris in 1845 and for over 50 years was engaged in the dressmaking and millinery business. In 1847, she married Thos. J. Coggins. Their son, Chas. T. Coggins, established the Mount Morris Index in 1890. Mrs. Coggins passed away May 6, 1911 at the age of 82 years.



THIS BIRD'S-EYE VIEW of the south business block of Mount Morris was taken about 1870, looking east from the top of "Old Sandstone." The brick building to the left is the only one now standing. The Methodist church had not yet been built.

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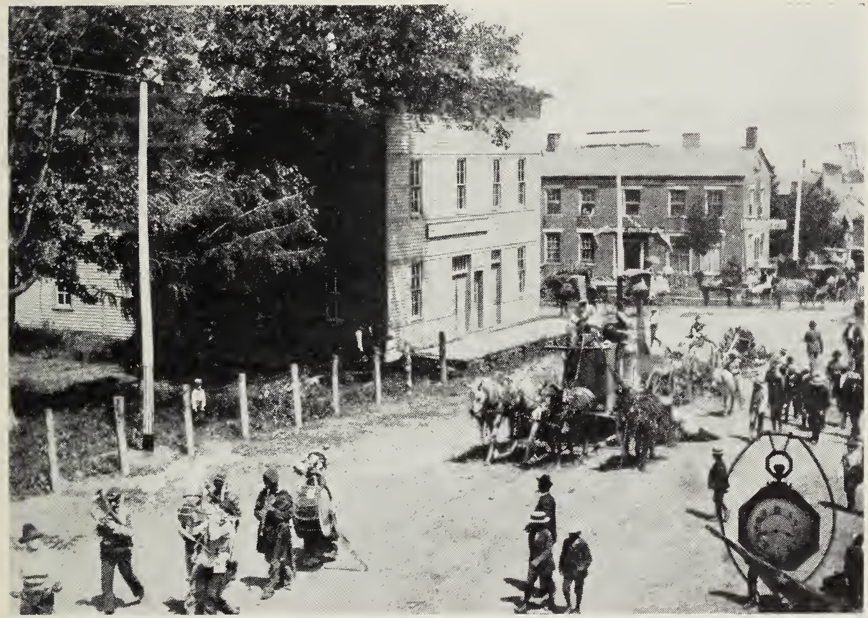
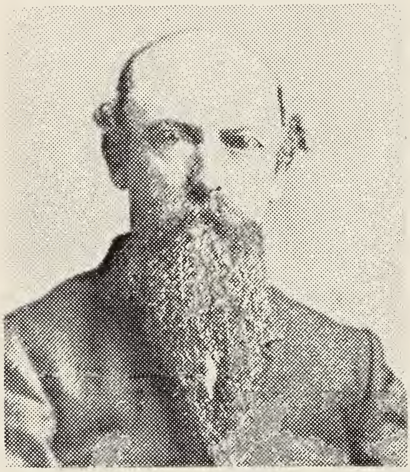


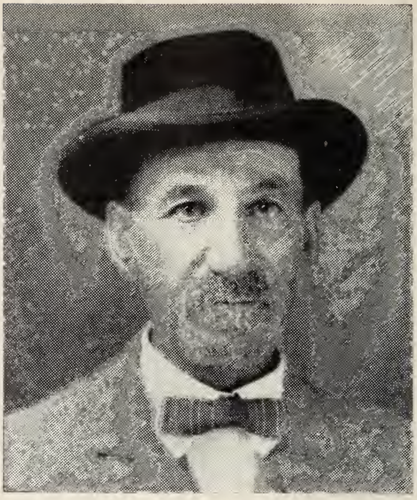
THIS picture was taken in 1900 and shows in the foreground a rag-tag parade on the Fourth of July. Note the old brick building at the right which stood on the corner now occupied by the Wishard Building. This old house was used as a hotel in the early days. The frame building at the left was used for many years by the Brethren Publishing House but was occupied by the Index office when this picture was taken.

las Koontz. The barbers were Joseph Patterson and Boone Washington. The medical profession was ably represented by Drs. David Newcomer, Wm. P. Speaker, Geo. B. McCosh and Joseph I. Mershon. The legal profession and the office of Justice of the Peace were represented by John Weller and Daniel Fager. As an architect and builder, N. E. Buser represented the profession. Benj. Seibert was the owner of a fine hall and an opera house.”

It is impossible to compile a complete list of all business and professional men who have conducted business enterprises during the 100 years since the founding of the village, for the reason that no newspaper files except a few scattered copies are available prior to 1896. All available files and county histories have been searched and the list made as complete as possible. The business men and firms listed in this chapter do not include any who were in business at the time this book was published, as they are included in the chapter, “Mount Morris of Today.”



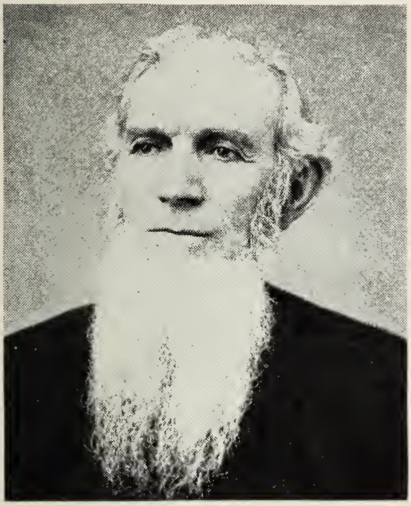
JOHN SPRECHER, a prominent Mount Morris merchant for fifty years, was born in Washington County, Md., Sept. 22, 1832, the son of Philip and Catherine (Houke) Sprecher, and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1839. He married Lydia Palmer in 1857; their children are George, John, Ella, Frank, Fred, Mae, Charles, Catherine, and Wentworth. During the first seven years of his marriage he engaged in farming, then opened a general dry goods store in Mount Morris in 1866 in partnership with H. H. Clevidence in a building on the corner of Center and Wesley Streets. In 1876, Mr. Sprecher erected the building now known as the Masonic Building, and the firm of Sprecher & Clevidence occupied these spacious quarters until its dissolution in 1891, when L. C. Stanley of Chippewa Falls, Wis., bought the business. Mr. Sprecher re-entered the dry goods business in 1893 and continued in it under the firm name of John Sprecher & Co. until his death April 29, 1911, at the age of 79 years. His wife died Dec. 20, 1919, aged 81 years. The firm of John Sprecher & Co. continues under the competent management and supervision of Catherine Sprecher Miller, assisted by her brothers, Charles C. and Wentworth W. Sprecher.



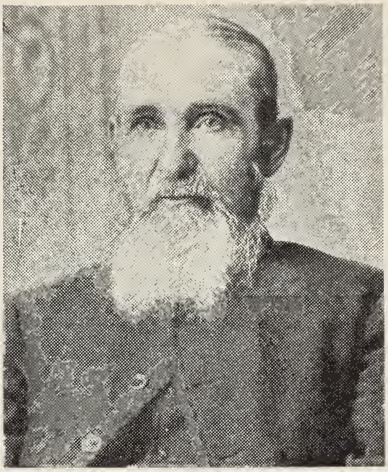
HENRY H. CLEVIDENCE, prominent business man, died Jan. 26, 1901, aged 65 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 18, 1836. He came to Mount Morris when 25 years of age and for nearly 40 years was engaged in business in Mount Morris, first in the mercantile business for 25 years with John Sprecher and later in the farm machinery and grain business. He served the town as supervisor, as town clerk, as village trustee and for two years as president of the village board. He married Sophia E. Middlekauff, and they had eleven children. Those well known in Mount Morris were Mrs. Clara Wingert, Howard, Arthur, Bert and Earl.

ELIAS BAKER was one of the important men in the early days of Mount

Morris and was connected with many of the early business enterprises. He was a native of Boonsboro, Md., where he was born June 11, 1817. He learned the carpenter trade and came to Mount Morris in 1838. In partnership with James B. McCoy, he built a one-story machine shop in 1844 on the corner now occupied by the Methodist Church, where they engaged in the manufacture of traveling threshing machines. From 1850 to 1856, Mr. Baker was engaged in the mercantile business with F. B. Brayton and also in the publishing of the Mount Morris Gazette. He served three terms as supervisor of Mount Morris Township and in 1852 was elected Sheriff of Ogle County. He later engaged in farming for eight years near Mount Morris and in 1868, he moved to Polo where he engaged in the lumber and grain business. He died in Polo in 1885. Mr. Baker was married in Mount Morris in 1848 to Mary M. Swingley, daughter of Michael Swingley, and they had two children, Frank H. and Vernie (Mrs. James W. Allaben).



DANIEL L. WINGERT died January 6, 1913, aged 92 years. He was born at Clearspring, Md., Oct. 26, 1820, and moved with his parents to Winchester, Ohio, when he was eleven years old. He came to Illinois in 1846, locating at Franklin Grove, where he purchased a farm. In 1875 he came to Mount Morris and engaged in the grocery business for twenty years, known as D. L. Wingert & Co. He was a plasterer and stone mason by trade. He married Nancy Foreman Oct. 26, 1843, and they had three children, two of whom survived him, Marcus D. Wingert and Mrs. Alice Trostle. Mrs. Wingert died in 1886, and he was married again in 1890 to Mrs. Catherine Butterbaugh, who died in 1900.

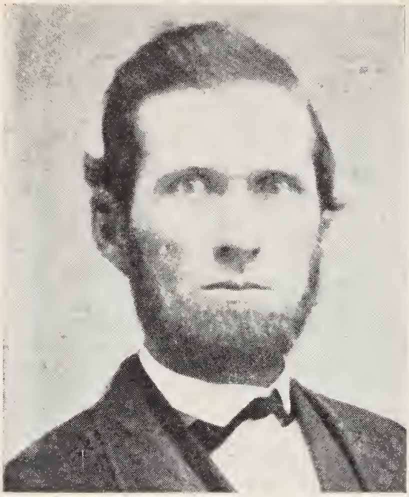


EMANUEL NEWCOMER was born March 11, 1829, near Hagerstown, Md., and died Oct. 5, 1928, lacking less than six months of being 100 years old. At the age of 15, he drove with a party from Maryland to Mount Morris, the trip requiring 42 days. For 84 years he lived in or near Mount Morris with the exception of four years in Missouri and five years in Tennessee, from 1883 to 1892. In the early eighties he owned a grocery business in Mount Morris. In 1853, he was married to Isabel Knock, and ten children were born to them, only two of whom survived him, Mrs. Martha Miller and Parnell Newcomer. Mr. Newcomer was active in the Church of the Brethren, having been elected to the ministry in 1869 and ordained to the eldership in 1888.

GEORGE FOUKE died April 19, 1900, aged 95½ years, after living in Mount Morris for 55 years. He was born in Shepherdstown, Va., Sept. 29, 1804. He was a shoemaker by trade and came to Mount Morris in 1846. Before coming west he married Elizabeth Harmison who died in 1888, after which he lived with his adopted daughter, Mrs. H. J. Farwell.

WILLIAM J. FOUKE was born April 6, 1828, at Shepherdstown, Va., and came to Ogle County in 1846. He was a shoemaker by trade. He served during the Civil War in Co. H, 34th Illinois Infantry. In 1865, he married Sarah Sheets and they had five children. He died Nov. 28, 1900, aged nearly 73 years.

ORVILLE N. ADAMS of Galena opened a general store in Mount Morris about 1850, known as the Adams Cheap Store, and after several years he took in Prof. D. J. Pinckney as a partner. After a year the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Adams departed to other fields.



DR. JOHN McCOSH, father of the well-known Mount Morris family of that name, was of Scotch ancestry. He was a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical College and practiced for some years before coming to Mount Morris in 1864, and he continued his practice here until his death in 1883, aged 60 years. He married Elizabeth Snowberger and they had nine children as follows: James, David S., John, Winfield Scott, George B., Benjamin and Sarah (twins), Susan (Mrs. Chas. Sharer) and Lucia (Mrs. Milo Maltbie).

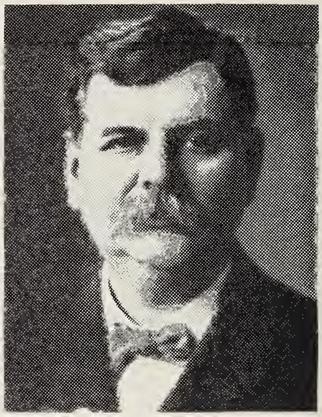
SAMUEL BRENTS opened the second store of any importance in Mount Morris in 1843. It was a general store and was located in a small brick building which stood on the northeast corner of Wesley and Front St., which was later replaced by the large brick building known as the Seibert Block. Mr. Brents sold out to S. M. Hitt and F. G. Petrie.

DR. JAMES J. BEATTY was the first physician in Mount Morris, locating here in the early forties. He had an extensive practice and covered considerable territory on horseback. He was once caught in a prairie fire and both horse and rider were terribly burned. Dr. Beatty recovered but the horse died. A few years later he started for the California gold fields but was taken sick and died on the prairie.

JAMES CLARK built the first hotel in Mount Morris in the early forties. This was a brick building which stood on the corner of Wesley and Main Sts., where the Wishard Building now stands. After running this tavern for a short time, under the name of the "New York House," he returned to his farm at Washington Grove and rented his tavern to Mr. Brayton.

WILLIAM S. BLAIR, who was proprietor of the Blair Hotel in Mount Morris in the early fifties, was born in Crawford County, Pa., May 31, 1816, and came to Ogle County in 1837. He opened the hotel in the spring of 1851 in the brick building on the corner of McKendrie and Bangs St., and continued to operate it until about 1880. The Mount Morris Gazette of July 3, 1851, contained the following notice: "This house has been recently erected and opened by the proprietor, Mr. Wm. Blair, in Mount Morris with a view to the accommodation of the traveling public, where he is at all times prepared to minister to the wants of those who may favor him with their patronage. His table will be supplied with the best the market affords and the other arrangements of the house shall be such as will give satisfaction to all. He can also offer good stabling with a good supply of oats, corn and hay for horses." In 1838, Mr. Blair married Jeannette Locke Blair and they had four children: Mercy A., Samuel R., Mary H., and Florence W. (Mrs. Geo. B. McCosh). Mr. Blair passed away in 1890.

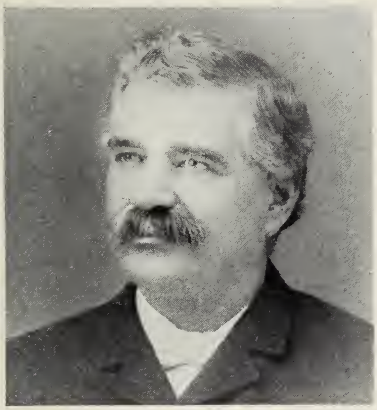
S. N. BEAUBEIN conducted a harness and saddle business in Mount Morris in 1851, in the house formerly occupied by W. S. Blair. He was also prepared to do carriage trimming.



DR. WILLIAM T. SPEAKER was one of the early physicians in Mount Morris. He was born in Leaf River Township, June 12, 1851, and was the son of Noah and Catherine (Garvin) Speaker. He attended Rock River Seminary and graduated from the Chicago Medical College in 1878. He practiced in Mount Morris from 1878 to 1887 and then moved to Manson, Iowa, where he died May 2, 1918. Dr. Speaker married Inez E. Beecher in 1878, and they had four children as follows: Clifford B., married May Marquart; Faith, married Chas. I. Jackson; Ethel, married Louis M. Potter; Lelia, married Chester W. Duncan.

BRAYTON & BAKER, consisting of a partnership of F. B. Brayton and Elias Baker, conducted a general store in the fifties and handled a general line of dry goods, hardware, groceries, drugs, paints, etc. They were extensive advertisers in the early Mount Morris newspapers. The Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman announced the dissolution of the firm.

DR. BENJ. G. STEPHENS, one of the earliest practicing physicians in Mount Morris, was born in Cornwall, England, June 22, 1827, and located in Mount Morris in 1841. He was a graduate of Rush Medical College in 1850 and located in Mount Morris to begin his practice. His office was over Wood & Petrie's store. He was very prominent in civic affairs; was connected with the early Mount Morris newspapers, and served as president of the village board of trustees in the seventies. In 1870, he married Florence Hoverland, and they had four children: Fanny, Mary E., George and Hugh. Dr. Stephens died in 1879 and for many years Mrs. Stephens was a teacher in the public school. She passed away in 1930.



DR. DAVID NEWCOMER was a prominent physician in Mount Morris for nearly 30 years. He was the son of Daniel and Barbara (Stone) Newcomer and was born July 26, 1830, near Greencastle, Pa. He graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1859, and began the practice of medicine at Upton, Pa., until 1862, when he joined the army in the Civil War as surgeon of the 26th Pennsylvania Infantry. After the war he located for six years at Martinsburg, W.Va., and came to Mount Morris in 1871, where he practiced medicine for nearly thirty years. He married Mary Shelly Funk in 1851, and they had six children: Mary K. (Mrs. W. W. Solenberger), Barbara A. (Mrs. J. W. Thomas), David W., Harry C. and two children that died in infancy. Dr. Newcomer died Oct. 19, 1900, aged 70 years.

DR. J. B. MOATS, son of John W. and Rebecca Moats, was born in Mount Morris Township, Oct. 2, 1863, and died in Kansas City in February, 1934, aged 70 years. He graduated from the dental department of Iowa State University in 1891, and began the practice of dentistry in Mount Morris and continued for a number of years until he moved to Kansas City. He married Grace Swingley, daughter of Benj. Swingley. Two sons, Ollie and Fred, were born. The mother died in 1897, and Mr. Moats was again married in 1899 to Isadore Rinehart.

WOOD & PETRIE, a partnership of Enoch Wood and Frederick G. Petrie, conducted a general store in Mount Morris in the early fifties. They handled dry goods, hardware, groceries and books. The Mount Morris Gazette of July 3, 1851, announced the dissolution of the firm and that the business would be continued by Enoch Wood at the old stand.

HENRY FROST announced in the Mount Morris Gazette of July 3, 1851, that he had selected Mount Morris as his future residence and that he was prepared to make pumps of the very best kind upon the shortest notice.

J. K. FROST announced in the July 3, 1851, issue of the Mount Morris Gazette that he had opened a new grocery store in the room formerly occupied by Clark & Misner where he was constantly receiving from Peru groceries of every description.

JOHN GRAHAM informed the citizens of Mount Morris in the Mount Morris Gazette of July 3, 1851, that he had opened a shop on Main Street, next door to his residence, where he was prepared to manufacture chairs of various descriptions and of the best and most substantial materials.

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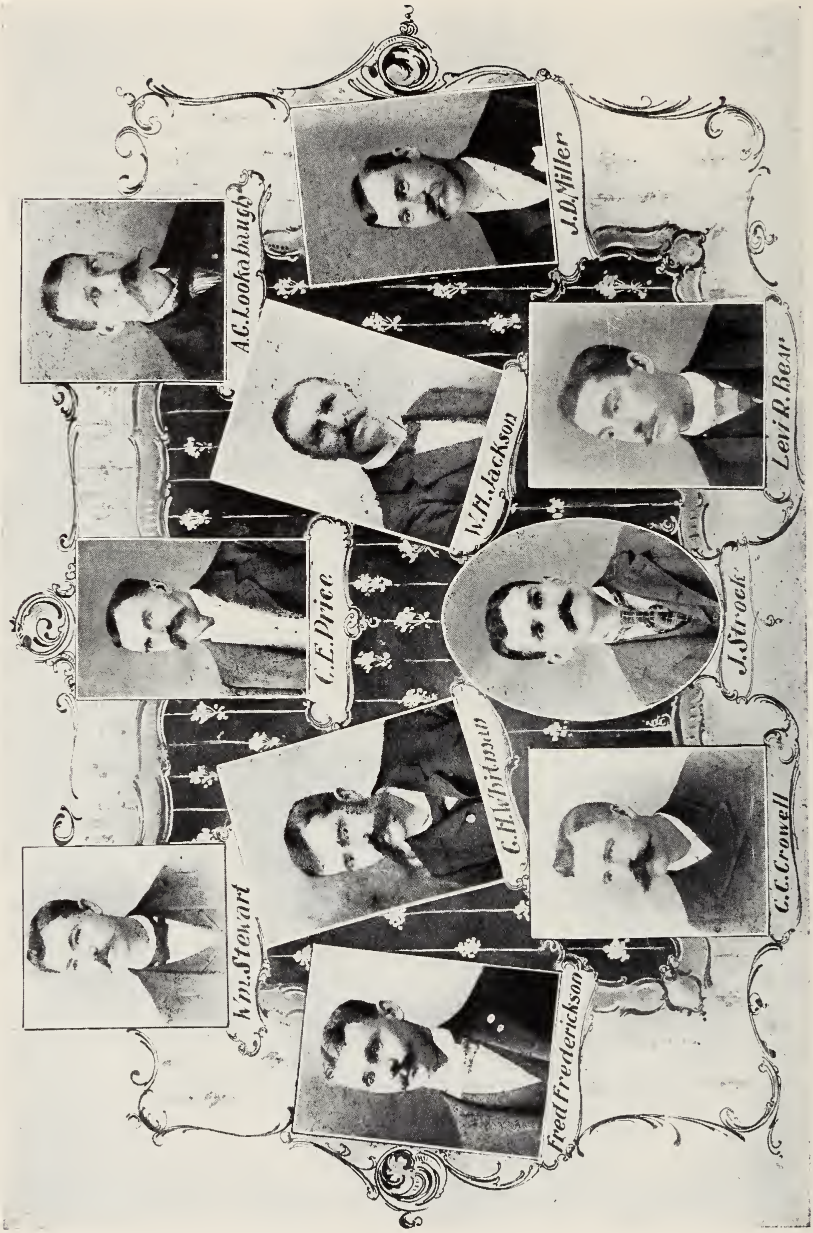
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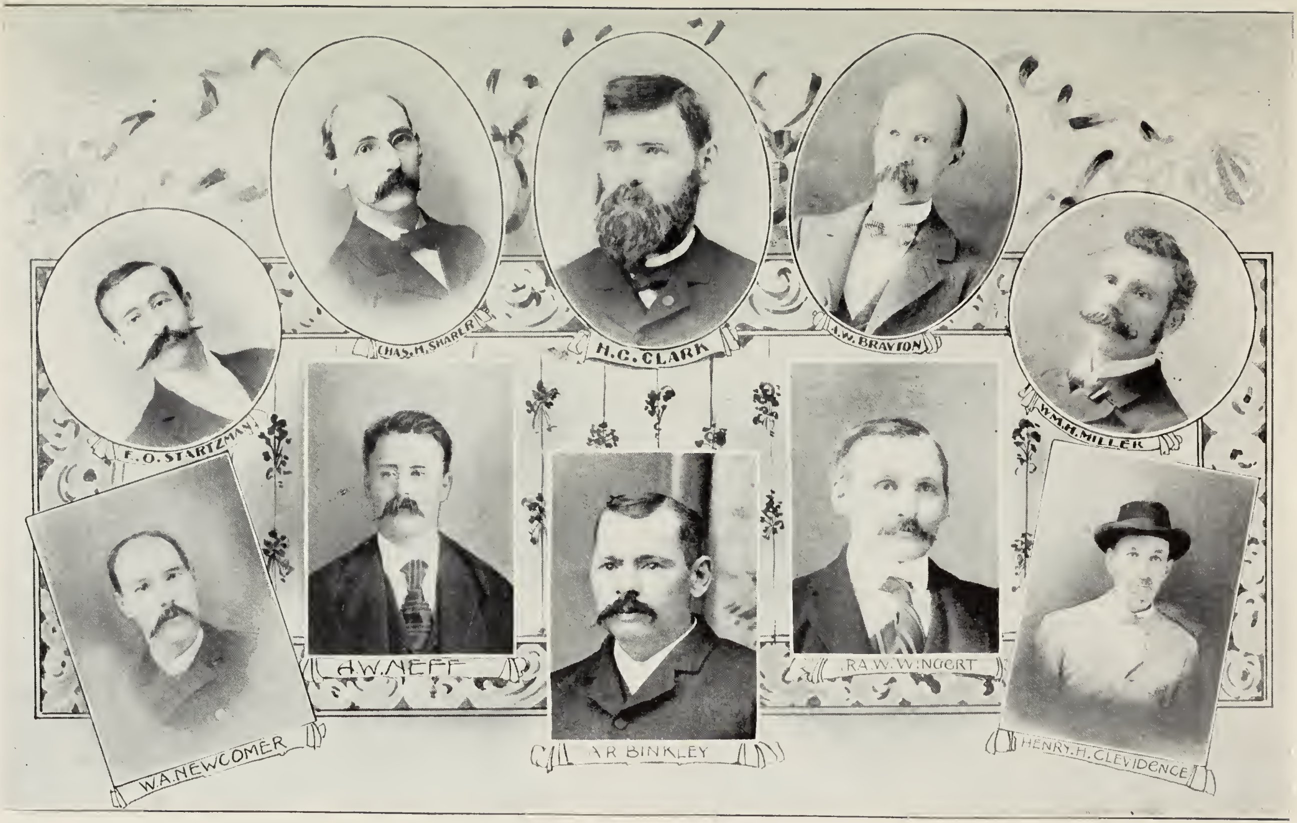
GROUP OF MEN who were in business in Mount Morris in 1900. Of this group, all have passed away (in 1937) except Fred Frederickson and J. D. Miller.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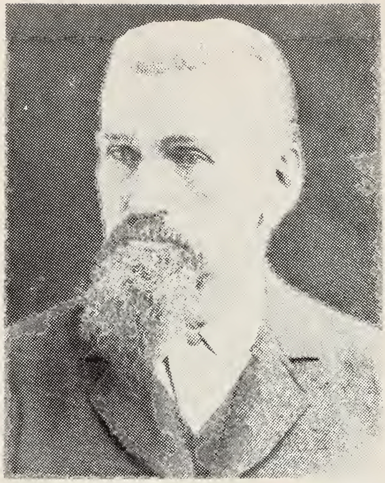
GROUP OF MOUNT MORRIS BUSINESS MEN who were prominent in the affairs of the village about the year 1900. All of these men have passed away.



JOHN R. DEPPEN was born at Reading, Pa., March 17, 1831, and died Feb. 17, 1908, aged nearly 77 years. He lived in Mount Morris for a number of years and in about 1880 built the town's first opera house, where he also opened a grocery store and bakery. This building later became the furniture establishment of Wm. H. Miller, and is now used for band quarters. Mrs. Deppen died in 1907. They had one son, Geo. W. Deppen.

WM. LITTLE & SON advertised in 1851 that they had secured a large supply of seasoned lumber and were prepared to carry on a wagon-making business; also that they had a blacksmith shop in connection with their business. They were located on East Main St. Mr. Little moved his family to Mount Morris from Columbus City, Iowa, in 1846.

DR. E. W. MYERS inserted a business card in the Mount Morris Gazette of 1851 in which he stated "Having selected Mount Morris as my future residence, would respectfully tender my professional services to the citizens of Mount Morris and the adjacent country." His office was at his residence on Main St.

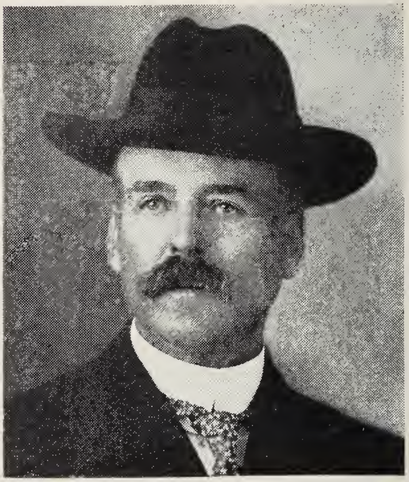
WOOD, PETRIE & BRYANT advertised stoves, and all kinds of tin, copper and sheet iron ware in the Mount Morris Gazette in January, 1851.

DR. ISENHART advertised in July, 1852, that he could be found at his residence in Mount Morris and was prepared to perform all needful operations in the line of dentistry.

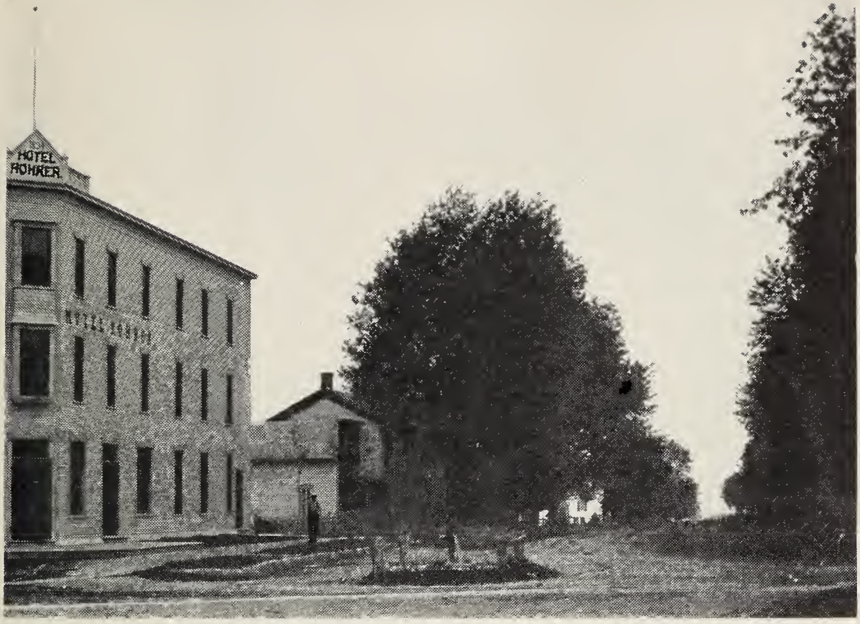
PETRIE & FARWELL (Frederick G. Petrie and H. J. Farwell) advertised in July, 1852, that they were receiving new goods in their store formerly occupied by Wood & Petrie. They carried dry goods, hardware, clothing, paints and groceries.

BRAYTON, BAKER & PETRIE rented an old sawmill located on Pine Creek in 1853 about a mile below the dam, and fitted it up for the manufacture of linseed oil. This work they continued for about two years, turning out about two barrels of oil per day. Later they erected a new mill south of town on the farm of Jacob Hilger. This was a large two-story structure with a stone basement. A sawmill was added, which was operated by a steam engine. This enterprise was operated for about 20 years under the supervision of Jacob Hilger. During this time, Ernest W. Brayton, son of F. B. Brayton, a lad of about 10 years, was killed by coming in contact with the rapidly-revolving saw. The business later became unprofitable and the building was moved to Oregon.

J. D. HAYS & CO. advertised the Mount Morris Machine Shop in June, 1857, and were ready to do machine work in wood, iron or leather and general repair work. Many years later "Uncle Jimmie" Hays had a little shop back of his old home, just north of the Lutheran Church.



SAMUEL P. MUMMA died October 17, 1912, aged 68 years. He was the son of Daniel S. and Naomi Mumma, and was born in Pine Creek Township, October 4, 1844. He attended the country school and Rock River Seminary. On leaving the farm in 1871, Mr. Mumma opened the first meat market in Mount Morris, and continued in that business for nine years, then sold out and devoted the rest of his life to the grain and stock business, part of the time in partnership with Henry H. Clevidence. On Feb. 22, 1870, he was united in marriage to Louisa Swingley, and they had four children, Willis, Edgar, Mrs. Oliver Watts and Mrs. Clinton Miller.



HOTEL ROHRER as it appeared shortly after it was built in 1894 by Chas. Rohrer. Note the town pump in the foreground and the unpaved street. The shed-like building and house to the west were the office and home of John Weller.

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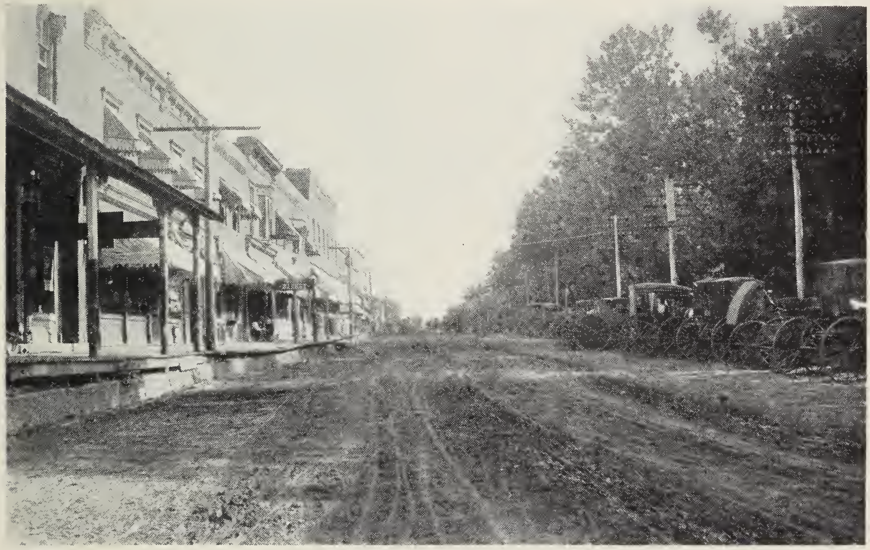
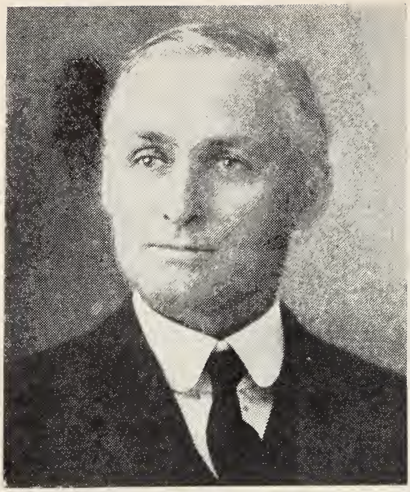


THIS PICTURE of the good old horse and buggy days was taken in 1895 before the advent of the auto, looking south on Wesley Ave. Note the many horse-drawn vehicles at the right and the old plank sidewalk in front of the stores.



IRA W. WINGERT died February 20, 1912, aged 53 years. He was born June 12, 1859, near Franklin Grove. He came to Mount Morris in the fall of 1881 and clerked for three years in Daniel Wingert's grocery. Then he worked for four years in a similar capacity for H. C. Clark and later entered into partnership with Mr. Clark in the lumber and coal business as Clark & Wingert. A. E. Clevidence later took Mr. Clark's place in the partnership and the firm name was changed to Wingert & Clevidence, which continued until the death of Mr. Wingert in 1912. On October 15, 1885, he married Clara Clevidence, and one daughter, Maurine, was born to them.

WILLIAM HEDGES advertised in the Mount Morris Gazette in January, 1851, that he was prepared to carry on the coopering business in all its branches, making and repairing meat tubs, water buckets, lard kegs, barrel churns, etc. He also advertised the Mount Morris Nursery, located a half mile south of town.

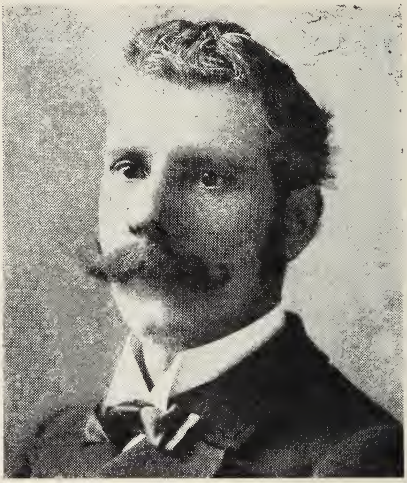
PEYTON SKINNER died June 2, 1897, aged nearly 82 years. He was born in Loudin County, Va., August 3, 1815, and came to Mount Morris in April, 1854. He was one of Mount Morris's pioneer business men and conducted a boot and shoe shop here from 1854 until two years prior to his death. In 1837, he married Miss Leander Fletcher, and four sons and eight daughters were born to them. Only two children survived the father, F. F. Skinner and Mrs. Eugene King. Mr. Skinner was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Masonic fraternity.

EDWARD DAVIS conducted a confectionery business in 1856, largely patronized by students of Rock River Seminary.

ATCHISON & CLEMS conducted a clothing store in Mount Morris in 1856, but no information is available as to the individuals connected with this firm.

D. S. AND S. H. COFFMAN, who purchased the general store of Petrie & Farwell, advertised in 1857 a full line of dry goods, shoes, clothing, hardware and groceries.

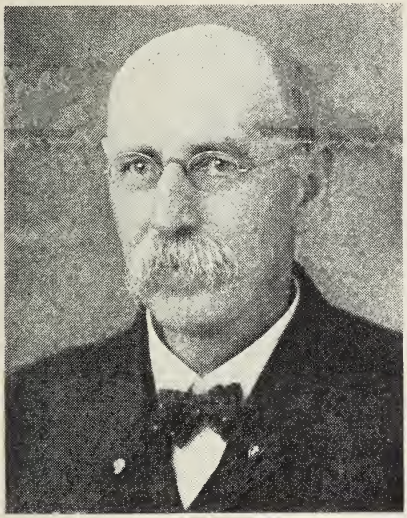
JONATHAN MUMMA built the first hotel on the site of the present Kable Inn in the year 1854. He named it the Eldorado House and he kept boarders, principally students of Rock River Seminary, until 1858. He also opened a store in a room in the same building at the same time. He sold the hotel to J. M. Webb and the store to Potter & Webb.



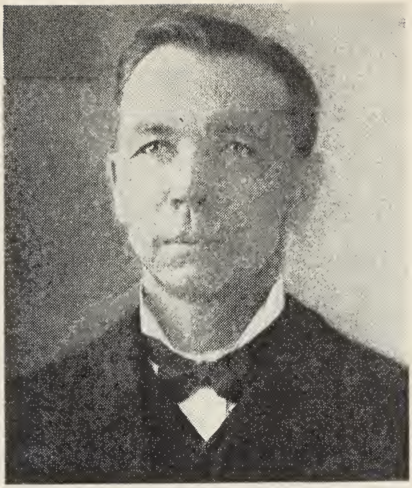
WILLIAM H. MILLER, son of Upton and Maria (Davis) Miller, was born in Washington County, Md., July 23, 1850, and died in Mount Morris, August 22, 1927, aged 77 years. He was the oldest of six children and the family came to Mount Morris in 1857. He attended the schools of Mount Morris, including Rock River Seminary. He worked with his father in the furniture and undertaking business and took a special course in embalming. The father retired in 1892 and the subject of this sketch continued the business until the time of his death. For many years he was the only undertaker in Mount Morris and had charge of hundreds of funerals of Mount Morris people. He was secretary of the local Odd Fellows lodge for over 25 years, and served the community for many years as town clerk, village treasurer and school treasurer. In 1878, he married Mary Ellen Wallace, and they had three children. Mrs. Maude Crawford, Mrs. Edith Alter, and Mrs. Florence Saunders. The mother died in 1924 and the three children have also passed away.

WALTER WOLFE was in the bakery and confectionery business in Mount Morris for several years beginning in 1899. He later moved to Oklahoma where he was killed in a railroad accident in 1916.

DR. J. NEWCOMER, physician and surgeon, inserted his business card in the Northwestern Republican of June 13, 1857, stating that he was located on Main Street in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Stephens.



ARTHUR M. NEWCOMER died August 21, 1914, aged 66 years. He was the son of Andrew and Eliza Newcomer and was born in Mount Morris April 3, 1848. He spent his entire life in Mount Morris and died in the same block in which he was born. He attended our public school and Rock River Seminary. He worked at his trade of plasterer for about 15 years and for many years, beginning in 1885, was in the grocery business in Mount Morris with his brother, William. He held a number of offices in Mount Morris, including tax collector, justice of the peace, village clerk, member of the village board of trustees, and member of the board of education. In 1875, Mr. Newcomer married Laura J. Shank, and they had two children, Howard and Edna.

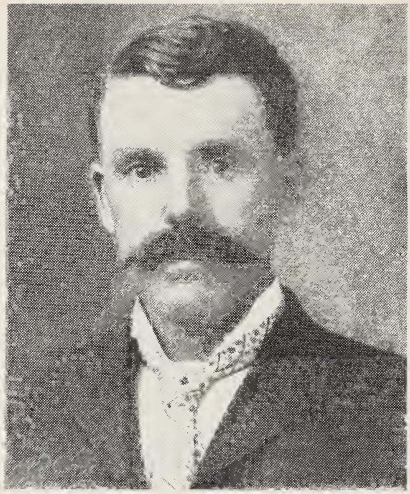


GREGOR THOMPSON was born in Denmark, July 17, 1860, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 7, 1935, aged 74½ years. He came to America from Denmark when 21 years of age and located in Mount Morris in 1887. For a period of nearly 40 years, he conducted a tailoring establishment, and in 1893 he erected the building at the northeast corner of Wesley Ave. and Main St. He was a talented musician and was a prominent member of the local Masonic lodge. In 1916, he married Miss Mary Thomas, and they had two children, Harriet and a son who died in infancy.

H. I. LITTLE & CO. advertised in 1857 that they were prepared to manufacture buggies and wagons for one or two horses and for one or two seats on short notice. They were also prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing and horseshoeing. This was a partnership between H. I. Little, Wm. Little and J. A. Knodle.

H. F. & A. NEWCOMER advertised in 1857 that they had on hand a full line of furniture in their store a few doors east of Brayton & Baker's on Front Street. They also stated: "We are also prepared to make coffins at the shortest notice and attend with hearse."

GEORGE TOMS conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris for a period including 1900, after which he located elsewhere. He was the son of John Toms, a resident of Mount Morris.



ROBERT C. McCREDIE came to Mount Morris in the nineties and purchased the local creamery from Campbell & McMaster. During his ownership, the building burned to the ground but was rebuilt. He finally moved with his family to Sunnyside, Wash.

JOSEPH S. NYE conducted the first hardware store of any importance in Mount Morris. In 1857, he bought the tin shop and hardware end of the business of Brayton & Baker, and for its accommodation built the brick building on the corner of Wesley and Front Sts., now occupied by Hough's Hardware. He conducted the business for ten years and finally moved the stock to Lanark. He was the son of Mrs. Harriet Nye and was born in Dover, England. He came to Mount Morris in 1853 with his brother, John H. Nye. See picture on page 376.

A. POPE advertised the Ogle County Book Store in the June 13, 1857, issue of the Northwestern Republican. He handled school books, stationery and maps.

POTTER & WEBB advertised in the Northwestern Republican of June 18, 1857, a full line of dry goods and groceries, at the store on the corner of Wesley Ave. and Center Street, formerly occupied by Jonathan Mumma.

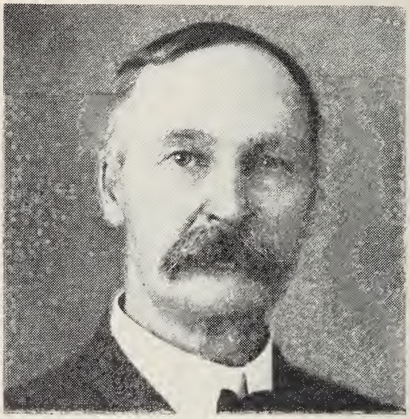
JOHN LONG advertised a new confectionery store in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman. He handled confectionery, fruits, cigars, chewing tobacco, etc. He was located under the Brayton & Baker Building, opposite Fouke's grocery store.

DR. J. S. VAUGHAN, dentist, had an office at Blair's Hotel in Mount Morris in 1858.

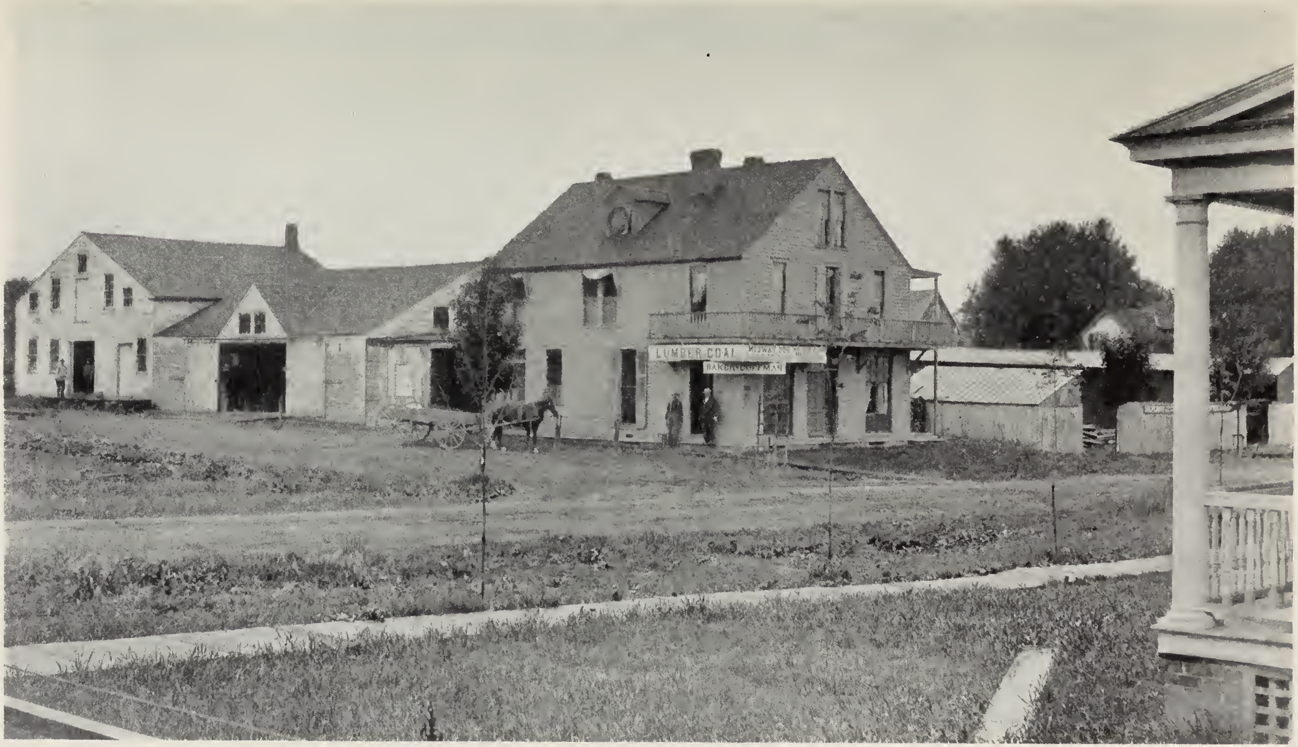
H. N. RYAN inserted a business card in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman, announcing his profession as attornery-at-law, notary public and insurance agent.

JOHN P. HAND was a partner of F. B. Brayton in the drug business in the early seventies. Later he became a well-known lawyer and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Illinois.

DR. THOMAS WINSTON, physician and surgeon, inserted his business card in the Dec. 1, 1858, issue of the Independent Watchman. His office was with Dr. Francis A. McNeill in Brayton & Baker's new building. He served as surgeon with the 92nd Ill. Inf. during the Civil War.



WENTWORTH W. WHEELER was a prominent figure in business circles in Mount Morris for many years. He was the son of T. A. and Abbie (Whitcomb) Wheeler and was born Sept. 6, 1847, at St. Charles, Ill. He attended the public schools of St. Charles and, when 18 years of age, enlisted in the 141st Ill. Volunteers. After the war, he assisted his father on his farm and lumber yard. He came to Mount Morris in 1870 and engaged in the implement business and later clerked for Sprecher & Clevidence. In 1881, he and his brother-in-law, John H. Swingley, moved to Kansas City and engaged in the coal and feed business. He returned to Mount Morris in 1899 and bought an interest in the Sprecher & Wheeler Dry Goods Co. In 1905 he bought the O. S. Watts grocery, later selling a half interest to Thos. Watts. In 1908, he returned to Kansas City where he associated with the Townley Metal & Hardware Co. until he retired in 1922. He died at his home in Kansas City, Aug. 18, 1924. Mr. Wheeler married Luella M. Sharer in 1874 and they had one daughter, Anna. After Mr. Wheeler's death, Mrs. Wheeler and Miss Anna returned to Mount Morris where Mrs. Wheeler died Jan. 27, 1930.



THIS IS THE WAY the corner of Wesley Ave. and Emily St. looked about the year 1900 when Baker & Coffman used these buildings for a lumber yard. Buser & Mumma, contractors and builders, also used this as their headquarters. The building on the corner is still standing but all of the other buildings were torn down to make way for the building of homes.

JOSEPH T. BAKER died June 20, 1905, aged 62½ years. He was born in Pine Creek Township in 1842, three years after his parents arrived from Martinsburg, W.Va., in 1839. He spent his boyhood days in Pine Creek Township, and in 1862, he enlisted in Co. K, 69th Illinois Infantry, at Polo and served 100 days. He drifted around for a number of years in various occupations, including a number of years at Falls City, Nebr. He returned to Mount Morris in 1893 and in 1895 went into the lumber and coal business with N. E. Buser and later with Frank Coffman. Mr. Baker was married twice, first to Anna Herbert, to whom five children were born, Jasper and Alma and three who died young. He married a second time to Mrs. Julia Lester.

GEORGE H. RINER came to Mount Morris in 1873 and operated as a carpenter and builder. Later he formed partnership with H. C. Clark under the firm name of Riner & Clark, and they operated a lumber yard which was purchased from Philip Sprecher. Mr. Riner was born in Berkeley County, West Va.

ELIJAH LOTT was engaged in the mercantile business in Mount Morris from 1872 to 1875. He also engaged in farming. He was born in Danville, Pa., in 1806.

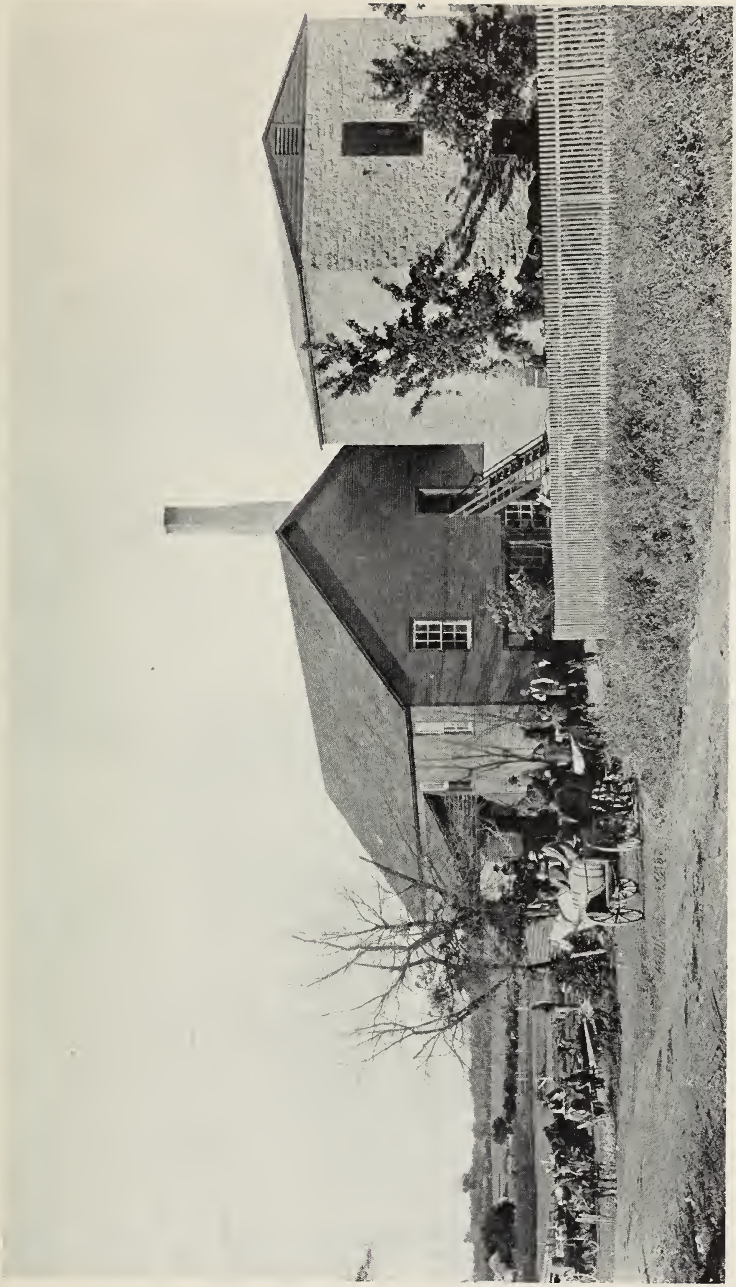
S. A. SHRINER opened a harness shop in Mount Morris in November, 1898, coming here from Dixon, and continued for several years.

CHAS. U. NIMAN conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris, having purchased the business of John H. Miller in 1899. Later he engaged in farming in the vicinity of Mount Morris and near Grandview, Wash. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Weller) Niman and was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 17, 1868. In 1900, he married Minnie M. Kable, and they have five children: Hale K., Dorothy E., Donald O., Roger C., and Ruth M. Mr. Niman is employed as janitor at the Kable plant.

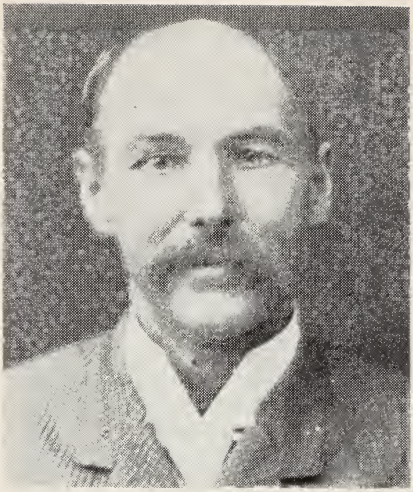
J. M. SMITH, associated with a Mr. Prickard, started a hardware store in Mount Morris in 1870. Mr. Prickard retired from the business and Mr. Smith continued until about 1878 when he sold out to I. B. Kinne.

WILLIAM H. BULL established a grocery business in 1875 in the brick building opposite the present township hall. After a few years he sold out to Benjamin Rine, who in turn sold to Holly Clark and Ira Wingert.

FRANK COFFMAN died May 22, 1918, aged 49 years. He was born in Pine Creek Township, May 5, 1869, and was the son of John C. and Mary (Welty) Coffman. He attended the local public school and Mount Morris College. In January, 1898, he married Grace McCoy, and they established their home in Mount Morris, where Mr. Coffman engaged in the building material and fuel business in partnership with Joseph T. Baker, under the firm name of Baker & Coffman. Two children were born to them, Eugene and Hugh.



THE MOUNT MORRIS CREAMERY as it appeared about the year 1900. This creamery did a thriving business for many years. It was owned and operated for a number of years by Wm. H. Jackson, who sold to Robert C. McCredie. The building was burned to the ground several years after this picture was taken. Part of the walls of the ice house at the right are still standing, just at the south edge of town.



WILLIAM A. NEWCOMER, son of Andrew and Eliza (Hamilton) Newcomer, was born in Mount Morris, March 29, 1850, and died Feb. 24, 1927, aged nearly 77 years. He attended school in the old Miller schoolhouse and Rock River Seminary. In 1871, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, Ninth Infantry, serving five years. He had many interesting experiences in Indian warfare and was mustered out of Custer's army only two weeks before his company was annihilated in the famous Custer Massacre. He returned to Mount Morris in 1876 and engaged in the grocery business with his father until the latter's death in 1885. His ,brother, Arthur M., then joined the firm under the name A. M. and W. A. Newcomer, William dropped out of the firm for awhile and conducted another grocery in partnership with John Tice, but later sold out and again joined his brother, Eventually Howard Newcomer became a member of the firm in place of his father, A. M. In April, 1886, Mr. Newcomer was married to Lottie E. Rohrer, who survived him and died in 1929.

J. D. ARMSTRONG, born at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 7, 1852, was engaged in the hardware business in Mount Morris in the eighties, first in partnership with W. E. Cushing (Cushing & Armstrong) and later with C. E. Price (Armstrong & Price). Mr. Price retired from the business and Mr. Armstrong later sold out to J. M. Piper.

BENJ. MUMMA was first associated in the meat market business with Samuel Middour, but later purchased Middour's interest and conducted the business for many years, after which Henry H. and Ernest E. Newcomer purchased it. Mr. Mumma's ad appeared in the Ogle County Democrat of Dec. 21, 1882.

ANDREW NEWCOMER, father of A. M. & W. A. Newcomer, was justice of the peace and real estate agent in 1858. His office was a few doors east of Brayton & Baker's new store, on the south side of Front Street. In 1866, he started a small store in this same location. This was later the home of Robert Crosby. He sold the business to Geo. Windle, but on the return of his son, William, from the army in 1876, the two started another grocery with the firm name of A. & W. A. Newcomer, located on the corner of Front and McKendrie Sts. They continued until the death of the father, when A. M. Newcomer took the father's place in the business.

SAMUEL LOOKABAUGH died Sept. 4, 1899, aged 72 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., in 1827. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Mount Morris from 1865 to 1872 in partnership with Samuel Middour. In 1848, he married Mary E. Gross and came to Mount Morris in 1865. They were the parents of nine children.

AUGUST T. OLSON, son of Hans and Anna Olson, was born Nov. 8, 1864, at Malmo, Sweden. He came to the United States in 1880, and worked as a chef in Denver. Later he moved to Mt. Carroll, Ill., where he operated the Glenview Hotel for six years. He came to Mount Morris in 1898 and purchased the Hotel Rohrer. He changed the name of the hotel to the Olson Hotel and operated it until 1921, when he sold it to Kable Brothers Company. Later he opened Olson's Restaurant, which he operated for a number of years. He is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows. In 1883, he married Dina Gifford at Denver, and there were four children: Carl Oscar, Glenn William, Floyd E., and Cecil Harriett. Mrs. Olson died in 1916. Mr. Olson was married again in 1931 to Bessie Raney.

DR. JOSEPH I. MERSHON, who was born in Jones County, Iowa, Nov. 25, 1849, was a physician in Mount Morris for about eleven years beginning in 1874. He then located in Mount Carroll where he lived until his death in 1899. He married Mary Jane McMurrin and they had five children: Geneva (married F. G. Stearns), Mable C. (married Roy W. Graham), Noble C., Joseph I. (deceased), and Dr. Glenn E. Mershon, who is now a practicing physician in Mount Carroll. He also has a son, Donald G., who is a physician, thus making three generations in the medical profession. All of the Mershon children were born in Mount Morris except Geneva. Dr. Glenn Mershon attended Mount Carroll High School and Mount Morris College. He graduated from the Barnes University Medical in St. Louis in 1901. He has practiced in Mount Carroll since that time.

DR. GLENN E. MERSHON

JOHN H. NYE, for many years a prosperous farmer in Mount Morris Township, and later a resident of the village, was born in Dover, England, Dec. 31, 1831. He was 19 years old when he came to the United States. He learned the trade of carpenter in New York and came to Mount Morris in 1853 where he assisted in the construction of Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming until 1870, when he moved to Mount Morris. He established the first lumber yard in Mount Morris about 1872 after the completion of the railroad. He later sold the business to Henry Gilbert. In 1857, he advertised in the Northwestern Republican that he had purchased the right for one-half of the United States for the sale of the famous Hays Lard Lamps. Kerosene or electric lamps were unknown at that time. Mr. Nye was married to Marie Beebe in 1852 and four daughters were born to them. The mother passed away in 1859 and Mr. Nye was married again in 1860 to Catherine (Coffman) Stonebraker, widow of Michael Stonebraker. Two children were born to them, Frank C. (deceased) and Ulysses C. In 1896, Mr. and Mrs. Nye went to California to spend the winter and Mr. Nye died in Los Angeles on Feb. 28, 1896. Mrs. Nye lived until March 27, 1910. See picture on page 376.

A. V. JOHNSTON, who conducted a jewelry store in Mount Morris, for a number of years, died April 23, 1931, at the age of 67 years. He was the son of Isaiah and Anna Johnston and was born April 8, 1864, at New Castle, Pa. He moved from Pennsylvania to Marion, Ohio, in 1902, and came to Mount Morris in 1907, when he purchased the jewelry business of H. E. Newcomer, which he continued until ill health forced him to retire. He was married to Ida Brown and they had two sons, Harry and Clarence. The mother died in 1906 and Mr. Johnston was married again to Addie Tucker Stoll, who with a step-daughter, Mrs. R. C. Hoffmann, and the two sons survive.

DR. J. F. CANODE, son of Wm. L. and Mary Canode, was born Jan. 23, 1863, at Greenwood, Pa., and came to Ogle County with his parents in 1876. After engaging in various lines of business in Oregon, he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and graduated in 1898. He located in Mount Morris where he practiced dentistry for a number of years and then moved to Oregon. He was married in 1896 to Lucy A. Seyster and they had two children, Mary and Morris.

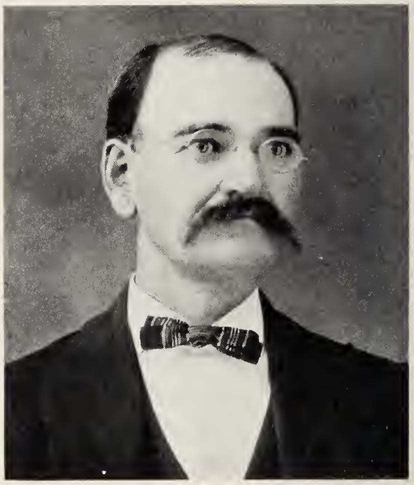
DR. GEORGE B. McCOSH was a well-known physician in Mount Morris for thirty-five years. He was of the famous musical family of Dr. John and Elizabeth McCosh, and was born at Quincy, Pa., March 4, 1855. He died Dec. 5, 1915, aged nearly 61 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents in the early sixties, and after attending the local schools, entered Rush Medical College, from which he graduated in 1880. Returning to Mount Morris, he entered the practice of medicine with his father, who died in 1883. He continued to practice in Mount Morris for 35 years. He conducted a drug store in Mount Morris for a number of years, part of the time in partnership with C. H. Mishler. Dr. McCosh was married in 1881 to Wanda Blair, and they had six children: Blair (died in 1926), Gladys (Mrs. T. R. Trawick), Jeanette (died in infancy), Mac (died in 1935), Jean (Mrs. Edwin B. Scott), and Marion. Other well-known members of the musical McCosh family were Mrs. Lucia Maltbie, James McCosh, David S. McCosh, Benjamin McCosh, Mrs. Jacob Strock, and Mrs. Chas. H. Sharer.

DR. CAROLINE L. PARKER was Mount Morris's only woman doctor. She maintained her office and residence with Mrs. E. A. Newcomer on Center St. in 1882. She specialized in obstetrics and diseases of women and children.

B. F. SHEETS, operating as B. F. Sheets & Co., purchased the hardware business of Hitt, Smith & Co., about the year 1880 and later sold out to Cushing & Armstrong.

CHAS. B. STANGER operated a tailor shop in Mount Morris in the eighties. He was born in Maryland in 1829 and came to Mount Morris in 1870.

JAMES M. WEBB conducted a hotel in Mount Morris before the Civil War. He was born at Lunenburg, Vt., July 8, 1817, and was the son of Samuel Webb. He came to Mount Morris in 1840 and served as Justice of the Peace and later was elected County Judge. In 1858, he purchased the Eldorado House from Jonathan Mumma and continued to operate it as the Webb Hotel until his death of consumption in 1859, after which Mrs. Webb continued to conduct the hotel for many years. The building was on the present site of the Kable Inn. While running the hotel, Mr. Webb was also in the mercantile business in the same building with a Mr. Potter with the firm name of Potter & Webb. Mr. Webb was married in 1848 to Caroline J. Jones, daughter of Rev. W. P. Jones, who was a student at Rock River Seminary. They had three children: James M., Samuel T. (who was station agent in Mount Morris) and Linna Alice, who married George Wirtz.

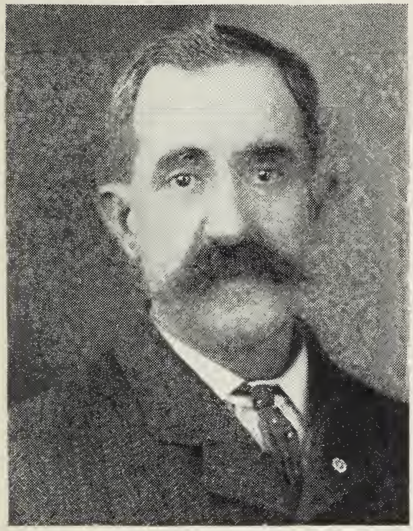


DR. W. W. HANES, son of Samuel and Mary (Walkup) Hanes, was born in Pine Creek Township, June 13, 1861, and died in Mount Morris, March 11, 1924, aged nearly 63 years. His childhood was passed at the family home five miles south of Mount Morris. After preliminary education, he entered the Physio-Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated in 1883. He commenced the practice of medicine at Adeline and located in Mount Morris in 1886, where he administered to the sick continuously for 38 years. He served as Coroner of Ogle County for sixteen years and several terms as President of the Village Board of Trustees. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge. In 1889, he was married to Georgia Rohrer, and they had one son, Ernest. Mrs. Hanes died Jan. 28, 1925.

DANIEL H. SMITH, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Ackerson) Smith, was born in Orange County, N.Y., July 21, 1830, and came to Ogle County in 1856. He engaged in farming and in about the year 1878 purchased the hardware business of David Rine and George Sprecher, which was operated under the name of Hitt, Smith & Co. They eventually sold out to B. F. Sheets & Co. Mr. Smith also purchased the south elevator in 1882 from Daniel Sprecher, which he later sold to Thos. C. Williams. In 1865, he married Martha A. Little, and they had five children: Mabel, Burt, Eldridge, Nellie and Olive G.

I. B. KINNE & SON conducted a hardware store in Mount Morris in the early eighties. Their advertisement appeared in the Ogle County Democrat in September, 1882.

DAVID RINE died Sept. 4, 1898, aged 62 years. He was born near Newville, Pa., Feb. 14, 1836, and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1853. In 1859, he married Eliza C. Sharer. For a number of years, Mr. Rine was in the grocery business in Mount Morris, with the firm of Rine & Marshall. In 1883, he sold out his business interest and moved to Kansas City, but returned to Mount Morris about a year previous to his death. For a number of years he was choir leader at the Lutheran Church. He had three brothers, Benjamin, William and John, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Stroh.



C. H. WHITMAN conducted a jewelry store in Mount Morris about the year 1900 and thereafter. He married Anna M. Rine, daughter of Benj. Rine. The family moved to Belvidere.

DR. ROYAL O. BROWN, son of Perry and Lena (Seise) Brown, was born at Freeport, Ill., Nov. 15, 1874, and died Dec. 15, 1934, aged 60 years. He attended grade school in Freeport and graduated from the Madison, Wis., High School in 1894. He also graduated from the University of Chicago and Rush Medical College. After serving his internship, he located in Mount Morris in 1903, but moved to Forreston in 1905, where he stayed 10 years, returning to Mount Morris in 1915, where he continued to practice until his death in 1934. In 1904, he married Miss Marie Jones, and they had one son, Russell.

DANIEL SPRECHER, a prominent figure in the early days of Mount Morris, was the son of Philip T. and Catherine (Houke) Sprecher and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1839. He engaged in farming for a time, then located in Mount Morris where he engaged in the grain business and built the north elevator in 1875 which he sold to H. H. Clevidence and John Sprecher in 1879. He also built the south elevator in 1882 and later sold it to Daniel Smith. In the early forties he married Barbara Kauffman, and they had eight children as follows: Amos, Philip T., Lewis C., William (who died at 23), Harvey, Daniel, Eliza (Mrs. Roher Eakle), and Samuel. The mother died at the age of 39, and later he married Mary Eakle, who also passed away and he was married a third time to Mrs. Elnora Hedges. Mr. Sprecher passed away May 4, 1888.

H. M. AND WM. N. GILBERT operated a general store in Mount Morris in 1878, succeeding Gilbert & King.

DR. A. R. LONG, dentist, was located in Mount Morris in 1882. His business card appeared in the Sept. 14 issue of the Ogle County Democrat.

R. E. ARNOLD was born November 18, 1867, at Burlington, W. Va. He graduated from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va., in 1889, receiving an A.B. degree. Traveled during 1892 and 1893 in England, Scotland and Wales in commercial business. Came to Illinois in 1893 and located at Mount Morris. He conducted a drygoods business in Mount Morris from 1894 to April 1, 1900. He married Irena Amick, daughter of Joseph Amick, Sept. 1, 1897. Moved to Elgin, Ill., April 1, 1900. Spent the following three years in commercial traveling, covering most of the United States. He was elected business manager and treasurer of the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin, Ill., in 1904 and has served in that capacity continuously to the present time. A son, Ralph E., is married and in business at Biglerville, Pa. A daughter, Lois Virginia, is a physical educational teacher in the Junior High School at Lansing, Mich.

E. O. STARTZMAN conducted a confectionery store and bakery in Mount Morris for nearly 25 years, beginning in about 1880. He owned the brick building which stood on the present site of the Township Hall. Mr. Startzman moved to Freeport where he passed away.

J. N. STONEBRAKER conducted a confectionery in the "Mammoth Block" in Mount Morris in the early eighties. His advertisement appeared in the Nov. 3, 1881, issue of the Ogle County Democrat.

RINER, MOORE & CLARK advertised a new firm in August, 1881. They did a general contracting business and handled lumber and building material.

Z. W. BUCK succeeded Riner & Clark in the lumber business in Mount Morris in about 1882.

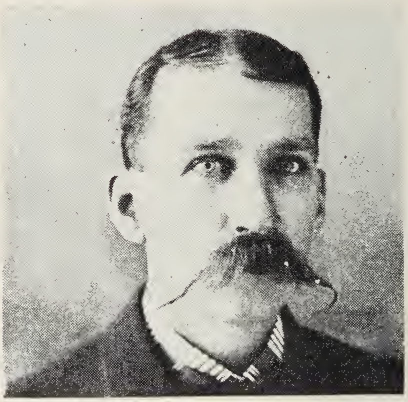
LOOKABAUGH, TEETER & CO. advertised a dry goods and grocery store in the Ogle County Democrat in 1882.

ED. CRIPE conducted a grocery business in Mount Morris in the nineties and later combined his stock with the dry goods stock of F. K. Spalding. He was a brother of D. S. Cripe and was a former student of Mount Morris College.

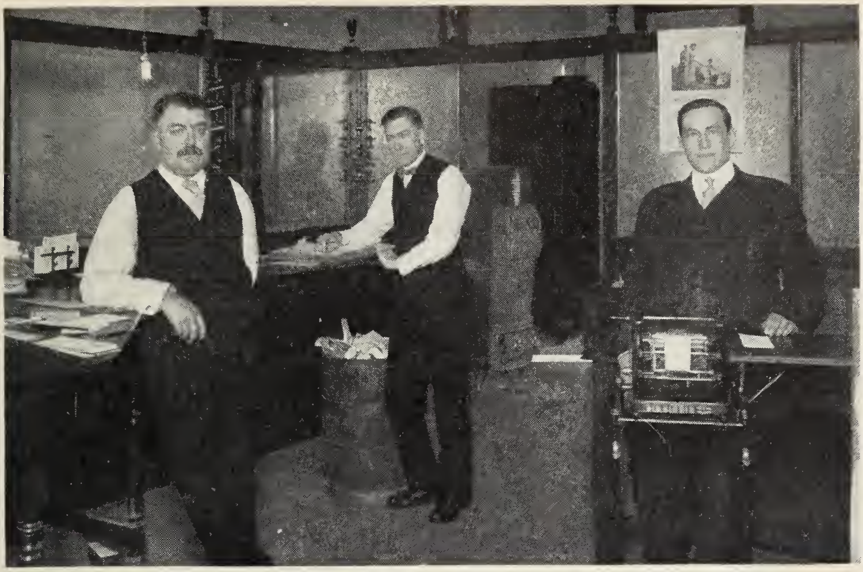
GEORGE W. DEPPEN conducted a grocery and dry goods business in Mount Morris in the nineties. Previous to that he engaged in farming south of town. He was the son of John R. Deppen, and was born Oct. 13, 1863, at Nachusa, Ill., and died at Rockford, Mar. 17, 1931. In 1882, he married Nettie J. Neff and they had two sons, Merritt and Roy. The family moved to Rockford in 1907 where Mr. Deppen engaged in the grocery business for 20 years. Mrs. Deppen died May 18, 1927. The elder son, Merritt, was a professional musician for many years. He is now employed in the Rockford postoffice.

EDWARD JIMMERSON operated a restaurant in the nineties in the building south of the John Sprecher store. He had a wife and three children: John, Edward and Esther.

A. H. KNODLE, doing business as A. H. Knodle & Co., in the early nineties bought the general store of L. C. Stanley (formerly the Sprecher & Clevidence store) and after several years sold the business to F. K. Spalding.

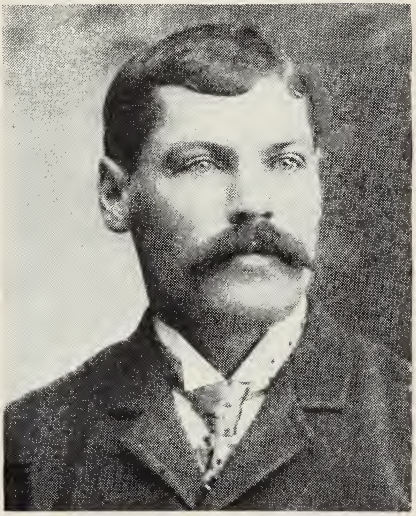


ALBERT C. LOOKABAUGH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lookabaugh, was born at Funkstown, Pa., Jan. 11, 1854, and died Dec. 18, 1929, aged nearly 76 years. He came to Mount Morris at the age of 21, and worked at his trade of blacksmith the greater part of his life. In 1878, he was married to Mary D. Davis, and six children were born to them: Elsie (Mrs. H. E. Longman), Lulu (Mrs. George Fouch), Ruth (Mrs. Theodore Horst), Charles Clifford (deceased) and Nellie (deceased).

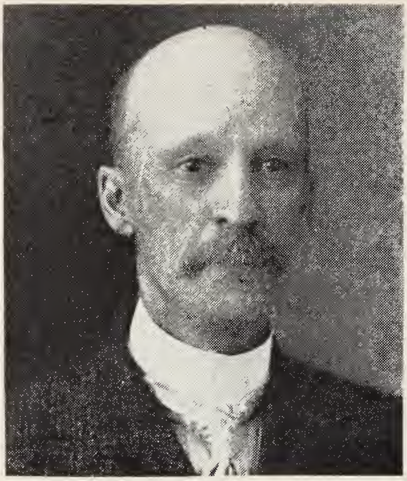


THIS PICTURE was taken about the year 1920 and shows the interior of the Citizens Bank in its first location on Wesley Avenue. Those in the picture are, left to right, Joseph L. Rice, Benj. S. Price, Daniel L. Miller.

BENJAMIN E. AVEY was engaged in business in Mount Morris in 1899 and several years thereafter. He is the son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Bovey) Avey and was born in Lincoln Township, Aug. 3, 1874. He attended Mount Morris College and the Zanerian Art College of Columbus, Ohio. Later he filled several positions as teacher of art, and in January, 1899, returned to Mount Morris and purchased the confectionery business of Otho Baker, which he conducted for a year. He then opened a hardware store in the frame building owned by George Sprecher, which stood on the present site of the Wishard Building. After several years he disposed of this business and since that time has been a traveling salesman. He married Maude Rowe and they have two sons.



DANIEL L. KEES was born at Shanghai, W. Va., Sept. 30, 1868, and died in Mount Morris, April 30, 1936, aged 68 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1901 and engaged in farming for several years, then operated a confectionery for 25 years. In 1919, he married Mrs. Etta Bruner, who passed away in 1928. He was survived by four brothers and four sisters, all residing in the east.

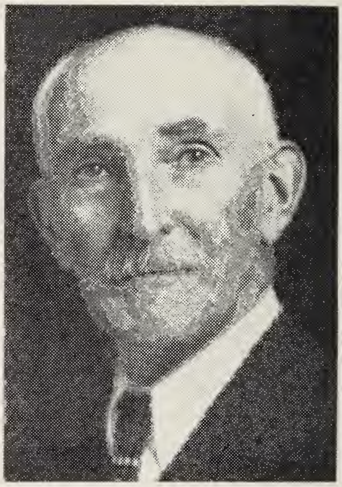


ARTHUR W. BRAYTON, son of Frederick B. and Charlotte (Wheeler) Brayton, was born in Mount Morris, Jan. 7, 1847, and died Jan. 19, 1922, aged 75 years. The name of Brayton has been prominent in Mount Morris since the founding of the village. The grandfather, Daniel Brayton, established the first store in Mount Morris in 1841, which was handed down to his son, Frederick B. Brayton, who in turn handed it down to the subject of this sketch, Arthur W. Brayton. Mr. Brayton lived in Mount Morris all his life, attending the public school and Rock River Seminary, in which institution he taught mathematics for several years. In 1871, he took a course in telegraphy in Chicago, and in December of the same year became the first station agent of the Chicago & Iowa Railroad in Mount Morris. Later he became a clerk in his father's store and became a registered pharmacist in 1881, then succeeded to the ownership of the store until he sold out to S. E. Avey and O. E. Marshall. The remainder of his life he looked after his extensive fruit farm and other interests. He was actively interested in many affairs of the village. He was president of the Village Board of Trustees for a number of years, and a director of Kable Brothers Company from 1903 to the time of his death. In 1876, Mr. Brayton was married to Harriet Grigsby, of Lena, and three children were born to them: Louis, Bruce LeRoy (died in 1928) and Ernest.

J. M. RINEDOLLAR conducted a photograph gallery in the nineties. The gallery was located upstairs over Brayton's drug store.

WILLIAM H. STEWART, son of John and Laura Stewart, was born at Martinsburg, W.Va., and died in Mount Morris, March 1, 1923, aged 65 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents when he was only seven years old. He worked at the carpenter trade for a while with his father, but during the greater part of his life he conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris. In 1886, he married Susie Huffmaster, and three children were born to them—Maud and May, who died in childhood, and Maurice, who lives in Mount Morris. Mrs. Stewart died in 1915.

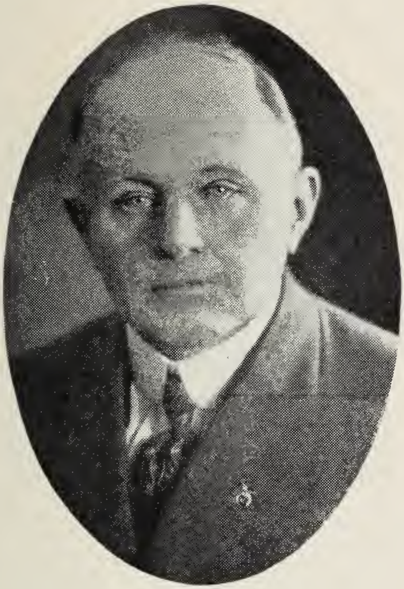
L. C. STANLEY, of Chippewa Falls, bought out the general store of Sprecher & Clevidence in 1891, and after conducting the business for several years sold out to A. H. Knodle & Co.



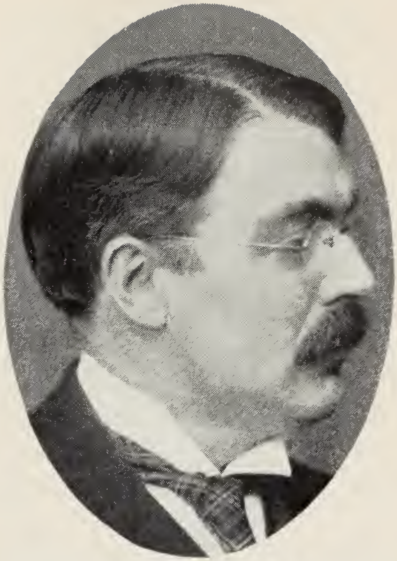
CHARLES H. SHARER, son of Henry and Sara (Felker) Sharer, was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 25, 1859, and died May 19, 1935, aged 75 years. He was educated in Mount Morris, including Rock River Seminary, and graduated from Northwestern University in 1883. He was a staunch supporter of education and during his years of service as president of the High School Board of Education the school was increased to a four-year course. He also served with distinction as president of the Village Board of Trustees, and was instrumental in having the principal streets of the village paved. Most of his life was devoted to various business enterprises in Mount Morris. In 1895, he became a partner of J. A. Brubaker in the grocery and dry goods business, and several years later purchased the grocery end of the business which he conducted for many years. He finally sold out to J. P. Holsinger and operated a dairy farm for several years until he retired. He was an active member of the Methodist Church. In 1887, he married Susan McCosh, daughter of Dr. John McCosh. Seven children were born to them: George (died in infancy), Elizabeth Hill (died in 1928), Wentworth, Max, Mrs. Ruth Hardt, Dwight S., and Robert.

F. K. SPALDING came to Mount Morris about 1895 and purchased the general store of A. H. Knodle & Co., and after several years combined it with the grocery business of Ed. Cripe. He later moved to the state of Washington.

THOMAS C. WILLIAMS operated a nursery on his farm just east of Mount Morris. He was also engaged in the grain-buying business having purchased the south elevator from Daniel Smith in the eighties. He moved his family to Sunnyside, Calif., where he died some years ago.

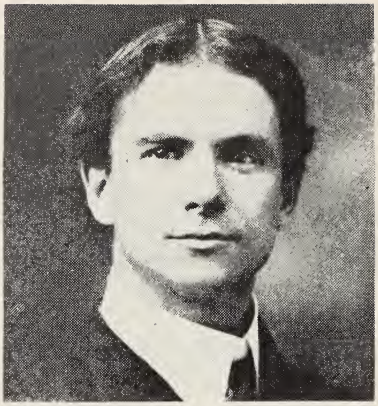


NATHANIEL E. BUSER, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ellen Buser, was born at South Mountain, Md., April 28, 1851, and died in Mount Morris, April 16, 1931, aged 80 years. He came to Mount Morris with his mother in 1868 and completed his education. Later he taught school for a time and then took up his life's work as carpenter and builder. He became a licensed architect and contractor. Nearly all of the important buildings in Mount Morris and dozens of the residences were constructed by him and stand as monuments to his genius in his chosen vocation. He also built many schools, churches and residences in surrounding towns. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Church of the Brethren. He was married in 1872 to Arbanna C. Middlekauff, and six children were born to them: Floy, (Mrs. John Wine), Pearl (Mrs. F. A. Myers), Robert E., Ruby (Mrs. Albright), and two that died in infancy. In 1906, he married Ivey D. Eversole, who died in 1919, and in 1921 he married Nora Gouker, who survived him.



JOSEPH L. RICE, son of Isaac and Sarah Hiestand Rice, was born on the Rice farm, north of Mount Morris, Dec. 23, 1866, and died June 9, 1931, aged 65 years. He attended Rock River Seminary and graduated from Northwestern University at Evanston. After graduation in 1893, he and his cousin, John H. Rice, established the Citizens Bank of Mount Morris, and he served as president until he retired several years before his death. He served as an officer and director of Kable Brothers Company from the organization of that company until his death. He was one of Mount Morris's most prominent and influential citizens and was affiliated with every important movement for the betterment of the community. In 1893, he was married to Miss Emily Newcomer, who passed away in 1929.

GEORGE WINDLE, prominent farmer and business man of Mount Morris, was the son of William and Mary (Kretsinger) Windle and was born Nov. 18, 1841, at Shenandoah, Va. The family consisting of ten children moved to a farm a few miles south of Mount Morris in 1855. He attended Rock River Seminary and in 1865 married Mary Ellen Sprecher, daughter of Philip and Catherine Sprecher, pioneers of this vicinity. They had a family of five children: Chas. E., who died at the age of 19; Mary Catheryn, wife of J. H. Harnly; Addie, wife of Ira R. Henderickson; Orpah Irene, wife of Harry Bibler; and Philip, living near Harrison, Ill. Mr. Windle was a successful farmer and at the time of his death owned considerable real estate. He was engaged for a number of years in the mercantile business in Mount Morris. Mr. Windle died May 22, 1913, and Mrs. Windle died Jan. 28, 1920.



ROY HOUSEHOLDER conducted a photograph gallery over the Brayton store for a number of years, but later moved to Rockford. He was the son of Peter and Anna (Sheets) Householder and was born and raised in Mount Morris.

JACOB STROCK purchased the grocery business conducted by John Tice in 1891 and conducted it for over ten years, selling out to Fred Middlekauff. He then moved to Colorado, where he died.

CHAS. E. ROHRER built the front section of the present Kable Inn in 1894 and conducted it as the Hotel Rohrer until his death on Dec. 3, 1895, aged 35 years. He was the youngest of a family of 11 children and was born in Rohersville, Md., Oct. 24, 1860. Before coming to Mount Morris he was clerk at the Central House in Forreston. On March 28, 1889, he married Miss Dora Boekholder, who later became the wife of Dr. David F. Stevens.

JOHN H. RICE, son of John and Eliza Kendall Rice, was born in Leaf River Township, Aug. 8, 1859, and died July 13, 1931, aged 72 years. He was the youngest of a family of five children. He attended Mount Morris College and Beloit College. He came to Mount Morris in 1887 and was employed in the Bank of Mount Morris by Major Newcomer. In 1893, he and his cousin, Joseph L. Rice, organized the Citizens Bank, and continued as cashier of that bank for a number of years. In 1906, he married Miss Maude Rohrer, who died Jan. 1, 1936.

SAMUEL W. BARNHIZER died Dec. 20, 1899, aged 50 years. He was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 26, 1849, son of John and Elizabeth Barnhizer. He married Mary Elizabeth Royer, Nov. 12, 1876, and they had three children, Bertha, Minnie and Paul. He was engaged in the furniture business in Mount Morris in the nineties, in partnership with T. J. Watkins, with the firm name of Watkins & Barnhizer.

J. A. BRUBAKER in about 1895, doing business as J. A. Brubaker & Co., purchased the grocery and dry goods store of Daniel Wingert, and later took in Chas. H. Sharer as a partner. After several years he sold the grocery department to Mr. Sharer and the dry goods to R. E. Arnold.

OLIVER E. MARSHALL, son of Reuben S. and Matilda (Steffa) Marshall, was born on the Marshall homestead north of Mount Morris, March 21, 1873. He attended the community school and then entered Mount Morris College in 1886. He graduated from the Northwestern School of Pharmacy in 1893. He purchased the drug business of McCosh & Mishler in 1900, which he conducted until 1911, when he sold to F. J. Dean. He later owned drug stores in Lanark and Rockford, but returned to Mount Morris in 1933, where he is an employe of the Mount Morris Pharmacy. Mr. Marshall was married in 1903 to Mrs. Cora Drummond. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and was at one time Master of the local Masonic lodge.

FRED B. STARK conducted a jewelry store and watch repair shop in Mount Morris in 1898 and several years thereafter. He located in St. Paul when he left Mount Morris.

J. H. LAMBING conducted a blacksmith shop in Mount Morris, beginning in the year 1900. His shop was located south of the old Startzman Building.

WILLIAM DOMER, son of Samuel and Rachel (Varner) Domer, was born April 21, 1859, in Leaf River Township, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 23, 1935, aged 76 years. For many years Mr. Domer conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris and later a general teaming business. In 1881, he married Mary K. Alter and four children were born to them: Jesse M., Percy E., Mrs. Ethel Tracy and Bessie. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19, 1931. The mother died Nov. 28, 1932.

ANDREW H. DAHL operated a shoe repair shop in Mount Morris during the nineties. His ad appeared in the Dec. 9, 1896, issue of the Mount Morris News.

J. I. HOUSEWERT came to Mount Morris to operate the Hotel Rohrer in 1896 following the death of the owner, Chas. Rohrer, and continued in that capacity until the hotel was purchased by A. T. Olson in 1898.

FRED L. WATTS, son of William and Anna (Ankney) Watts, was born on the Watts homestead south of Mount Morris on Feb. 17, 1869. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School and from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. He engaged in farming for a time, then purchased the harness business of J. D. Miller, in 1902. Later he engaged in the grocery business during several different periods. He then purchased the Wm. Rowe farm, north of town, where he lived from 1926 to 1934, when he retired to Mount Morris. He served several terms on the village board and was Democratic committeeman for 20 years. He is a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Watts was married in 1894 to Fannie Felker. Mrs. Watts passed away Dec. 25, 1923. Mr. Watts was married in 1926 to Elizabeth Slifer.

DAVID S. CRIPE, son of Tobias and Anna Cripe, was born in Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 17, 1864, and died June 4, 1928, aged 64 years. In 1887, he came to Mount Morris and attended the College for three years, and in 1891 he started in the mercantile business in Mount Morris, which he continued for 37 years. In 1891 he married Elva Newcomer, and seven children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Those remaining are Elmer, Merl, Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Cora Birdsill, together with the mother.

NEWCOMER BROTHERS (Henry and Ernest) conducted the City Meat Market for a number of years. The former later went to farming and the latter became a traveling salesman.

O. E. HUFF came from Egan City in 1902 and bought the bakery and restaurant of Walter Wolfe, which he continued to operate for a number of years.

FRED C. SCOTT purchased the grocery store of Jacob Strock in 1902 and conducted the business for several years. He was a former resident of Oregon.

G. W. HAMLIN purchased the dry goods store of R. E. Arnold in 1900 and conducted it for several years. He came here from Rochelle.

CALVIN H. MISHLER, son of Emanuel and Susannah Mishler, was born at Kent, Ill., August 21, 1857, and died Oct. 29, 1929, aged 72 years. He attended Rock River Seminary and Iowa State Normal College, and taught school in Iowa for several years. He located in Mount Morris in 1888 and was engaged for 15 years as carpenter and builder, later conducted a drug and book store for a number of years, and worked at the Kable plant for four years. He served the community as Village Trustee, as Village Clerk, and as Justice of the Peace. In 1883, he married Louise A. Miller, and they had five children: Mrs. Evangeline Olson, Mrs. Vinette McRae, Max and Eugene, twin sons, and a child that died in fancy.

BYERS BROTHERS conducted a livery stable in Mount Morris beginning in 1903. They purchased the business of Chas. Niman.

JESSE B. BAKENER bought the grocery store of A. M. Newcomer in 1904 and conducted it for several years, finally selling the business to Flory & Son.

FRED W. RINE, son of Benjamin Rine, conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris beginning in 1904. His shop was located over the Watts store.

FLORY & SON (A. M. Flory and Elmer Flory) purchased the grocery store of Jesse B. Bakener in 1905 and continued the business several years.

B. I. GRANGER (colored) for several years, beginning in 1905, conducted a barber shop in Mount Morris. He was the son of Mrs. Margaret Granger and was born in Mount Morris.

C. F. ZOLLER sold pianos and organs in Mount Morris in 1902 and several years following. He married Florence Thomas, daughter of Henry Thomas.

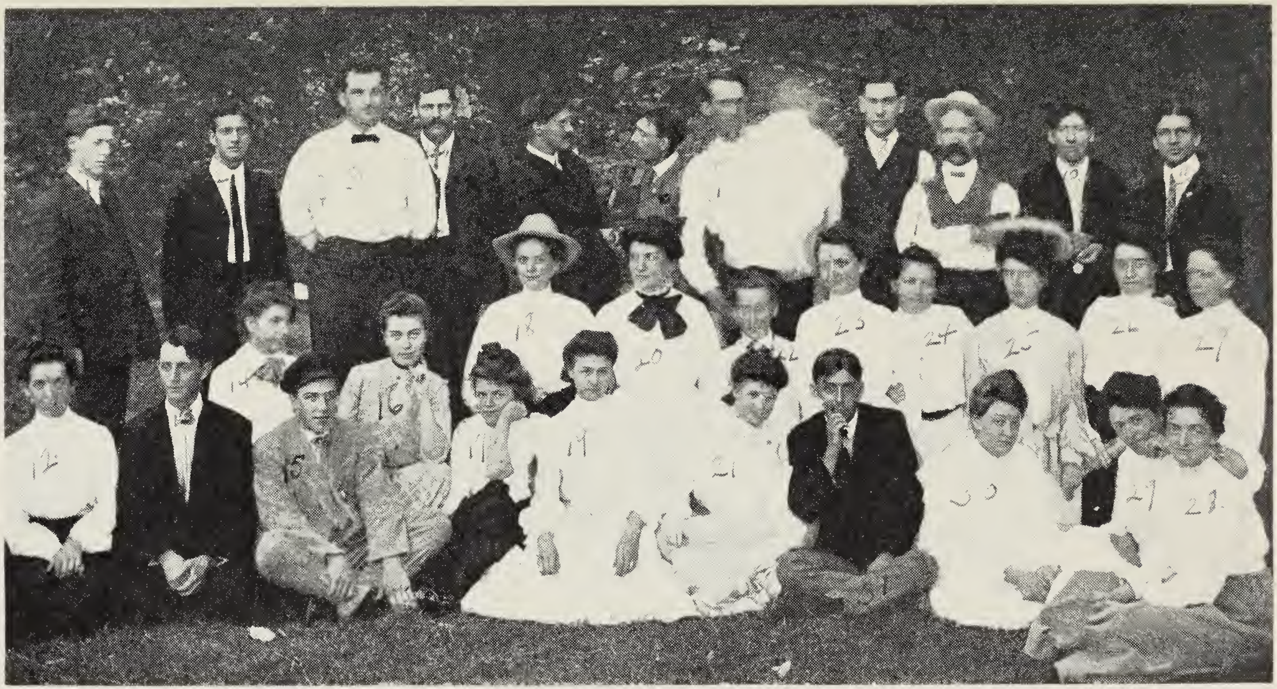
HENRY E. NEWCOMER died March 6, 1906, aged 36 years. He was born in Mount Morris, March 25, 1870, and was educated in the local public school. His parents were Henry F. and Elizabeth Ann (Knodle) Newcomer. He conducted a very successful business in Mount Morris, consisting of a jewelry and stationery store and insurance business. He was married in 1901 to Lanah H. Janssen, who since his death has successfully continued the insurance business.

W. H. JOHNSON opened an undertaking and furniture establishment in Mount Morris in 1907, which he later sold to Louis Finch.

Dr. J. B. BYWATER was a practicing physician in Mount Morris in 1909. His office was located over the Price & Blair hardware.

DR. L. W. MUNGER, dentist, practiced in Mount Morris for several years, beginning in 1909, with offices in the Brayton Block.

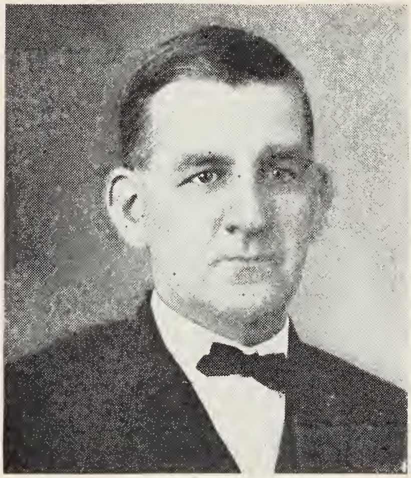
FRED A. MIDDLEKAUFF was born at Beaver Creek, Md., Nov. 15, 1858, and died in Mount Morris, April 19, 1930, aged 71½ years. At the age of 17, he came to Illinois, where he farmed for a while near Polo and later conducted a restaurant in Polo. He came to Mount Morris in 1903 and engaged in the grocery business until the time of his death. In 1905, he married Miss Minnie Longman, and they had two children, Mrs. Winfield Colvin and Robert Middlekauff. The mother died in July, 1937.



GROUP OF BUSINESS MEN AND CLERKS of Mount Morris picknicking at Bovey's Springs in August, 1904. Front row, left to right: Rosa Brubaker, Clarence Hanstine, Oscar Olson, Pearl Buser, Rilla Baker, Bertha Gloss, Reuben Marshall, Susie Kerns, Gertrude Marshall, Mae Ankney; second row: Allie Kable, Myrtle Royer, Mrs. C. J. Price, Elsie Griswold, Mrs. Goldie Alter, Bessie Griswold, Mrs. B. S. Price, Mrs. R. O. Brown, Minnie Longman, Annabelle Smith; standing: Roy Withers, Leslie Rees, Dr. C. J. Price, Daniel Kees, Vernon Rees, Harry Castle, Sherman Alter and son, Benj. Price, Fred Middlekauff, Silas Goughnour, Harry Kable.

FRED LONG, son of Andrew J. Long, operated a livery stable for a number of years in a barn located just north of the present Wishard Building. He is now an employe in the electrotype foundry at the Kable plant.

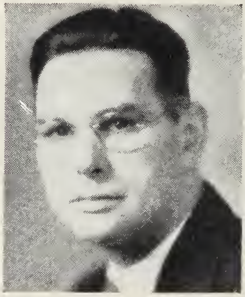
THOMAS O. WATTS died Oct. 23, 1919, aged nearly 69 years. He was born Jan. 10, 1851, in Pine Creek Township, and was the eldest son of William and Anna Watts, early pioneers. He engaged in farming for a number of years and after moving to Mount Morris conducted a grocery store about the year 1906 and thereafter. He was married to Martha Avey in 1876, and two children were born to them, Grace (Mrs. Frank Baker) and Earl Watts. Mrs. Watts died July 12, 1931, aged 80 years.



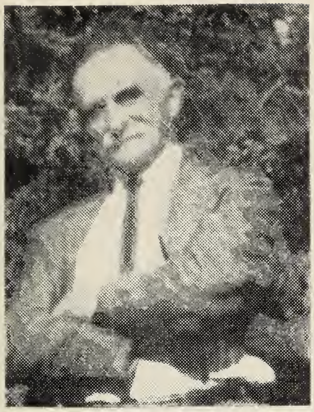
J. P. HOLSINGER, son of Christian and Barbara Holsinger, was born at Baker Summit, Pa., Oct. 17, 1864, and died July 7, 1931, aged nearly 67 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1894 to attend Mount Morris College. After finishing school he remained in Mount Morris and associated with R. E. Arnold, C. H. Sharer and O. S. Watts. In 1913, he purchased the Sharer grocery, which he conducted until the time of his death. He was an active member of the Church of the Brethren and a trustee of Mount Morris College. In 1887, he was married to Minnie Biddle, and two sons were born to them, Clyde and Paul.

LEWIS A. BRINKER operated a Ford automobile agency and service station in Mount Morris for a number of years and in recent years has been an employe in the press room of Kable Brothers Company. He was the son of John and Doratha (Neidenkirchen) Brinker and was born in Maryland Township. He married Anna Garkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garkey.

OLIVER S. WATTS, son of William and Anna (Ankney) Watts, was born in Pine Creek Township, March 28, 1871. He attended the Pine Creek country school and Mount Morris Public School; also graduated from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. He engaged in the grocery business in Mount Morris for a number of years and later in the dry goods business with J. P. Holsinger. In 1898, he married Ada E. Mumma, and they had one daughter, Marian, who died at the age of nine years.



PAUL KENT came to Mount Morris in 1927 and for five years conducted a Ford agency and service station. For the last five years he has been an employe of Kable Brothers Company. Mr. Kent is the son of Gustav and Clara Kent and was born in Chicago, June 15, 1894. He was raised in Chicago and educated in Chicago public schools. He was a private in the army during the World War. He is a member of the American Legion, the Masons and a former Kiwanian. He was first president of the Mount Morris Business Men's League and has been active in civic affairs. Mr. Kent married Frances Dickerman and they have two sons, William and Robert.

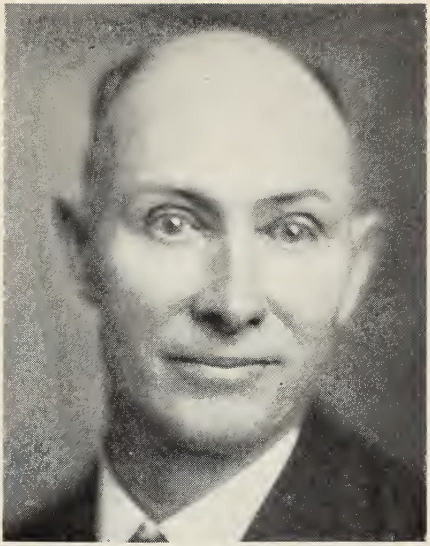


CLINTON E. PRICE, son of Samuel and Sarah Long Price, was born near Mount Morris, Nov. 27, 1854, and died at Mount Morris, July 10, 1937, aged nearly 83 years. Practically his entire life was spent in Mount Morris, most of the time engaged in the hardware, plumbing and heating business. He purchased the hardware business of J. M. Piper in 1890, and conducted it for a number of years. His brother, Benj. S. Price, became associated with him and later he sold his interest to George Blair. In later years, he operated a plumbing and heating business, until his death in 1937. In 1885, he married Catherine Winders, who passed away in 1919. They had one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Metzger. Mr. Price was again married in 1923 to Miss Lula Barber.

JAMES L. WATTS, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts, was born on the home farm in Pine Creek Township, August 27, 1864, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 22, 1925, aged 60½ years. He farmed the home place for a number of years, then moved to town and conducted a harness shop, after which he had charge of the village pumping station. In 1902, he married Mrs. Ida Castle Baker, who survived him. They had no children.

LESLIE STONE started a restaurant in 1911 in the room now occupied by Cratty's clothing store. Later he operated the hotel dining room.

DR. JOHN A. GARDINER practiced in Mount Morris from 1913 to 1918. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto with degrees of Master of Arts in 1907 and Doctor of Medicine in 1911. He served his interneship at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and located in Mount Morris in 1913. In 1918, he moved to LaGrange, Ill., where he has a lucrative practice. Dr. Gardiner was born in 1883 at Walton, Ontario, Canada. While in Mount Morris, in 1916, he married Edith Miles and they have a son, Miles Gardiner.



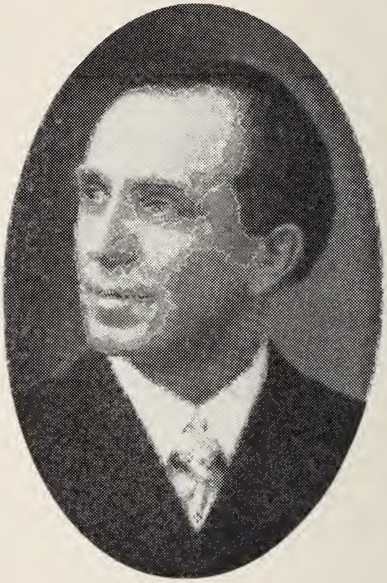
JOSEPH FREDERICK O'HARA, son of John and Laurinda O'Hara, was born at Port Byron, Ill., March 25, 1872, and died at Mount Morris, May 26, 1934, aged 62 years. In 1900, he married Miss Aimee Rees, and two children, Vera and Mary, were born to them. Following the death of his wife in 1911, Mr. O'Hara moved to Mount Morris from Port Byron, and for 23 years conducted a barber shop, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rees.

JOHN W. WINE, son of Jacob W. and Katherine Brubaker Wine, was born in Northampton, Ohio, Dec. 27, 1873, and died Dec. 25, 1927, aged nearly 53 years. He was educated at Bridgewater, Va., and at Mount Morris College, and then filled several responsible positions in Louisiana and Missouri. In 1907, he came to Mount Morris and was connected with the Buser Company, the Farmers' Elevator Company and in the coal business for himself. In 1921, he became cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He served on the school board and village board and two terms as mayor. In 1896, Mr. Wine married Floy A. Buser, and three daughters were born to them, Lucille, Lois, and Florence.

ARTHUR E. CLEVIDENCE, son of Henry H. and Sophia Clevidence, was born in Mount Morris, June 11, 1869. He attended public school in Mount Morris and also Mount Morris College. He was associated with his father in the grain and implement business, and continued to conduct the business after the death of his father in 1901. In January, 1903, he and Ira W. Wingert went into partnership, combining the lumber business of Mr. Wingert. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Wingert in 1912. In 1895, Mr. Clevidence married Lillie D. Billig, who passed away in 1935.

JOHN H. SWINGLEY was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 12, 1840, and died at Mount Morris, July 22, 1922, aged nearly 82 years. In 1846, he came to Illinois with his parents, Benjamin and Catherine (Hershey) Swingley, and located three miles north of Mount Morris, which became the Swingley homestead. His brother, Oliver and two sisters, Ellen and Louise, came with the parents from the east, and four sisters were born here, viz., Anna, Laura, Alice and Grace. Mr. Swingley spent most of his life in or near Mount Morris. He engaged in farming for a number of years, and later went into the grocery business with Henry Sharer and later with Daniel Wingert. He spent about ten years in business at Kansas City, Mo. In 1868, he married Anna D. Sharer, and three children were born to them—Charles, Frank and Cornelia (Mrs. George Farwell). Mrs. Swingley died Nov. 16, 1930.

DR. W. G. DAHLKE, dentist, practiced his profession in Mount Morris, beginning in 1922. He was located in the Wishard Building.



J. ELMER CLAPPER, son of Ludwig and Malinda (Himes) Clapper, was born at Rogersville, Ind., April 8, 1870. He graduated from the High School at Madrid, Nebr., in 1891 and attended the Western Normal School at Lincoln, Nebr., in 1892. He taught school for several years, then engaged in farming until 1904. He served as clerk in the Sharer and Middlekauff groceries. From 1910 to 1920 he was in the grocery business at Maryland, then returned to Mount Morris and in partnership with Chas. Eigenbrode purchased the Murdock grocery. He purchased Engenbrode's interest in 1926 and sold out in 1931. In 1937, he was elected as assessor of Mount Morris Township. Mr. Clapper was married in 1907 to Grace Hanstine and they have two sons, Ivan H. and Robert L.

Chapter 3

INCORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE

IN an investigation of the past history of the churches, schools, and even of the Township of Mount Morris, it is found that the old records, in the majority of cases, have been woefully neglected, many of the old books being entirely lost sight of. In the case of the village, however, the clerks whose duty it was to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Village Board of Trustees preserved the old records from the time of the first movement toward organization of the corporation to the present time.

From the time when the first settlers built their rude dwellings within the present limits of Mount Morris, late in the thirties, until 1848, Mount Morris was simply a precinct of Ogle County. The first step toward incorporation was made Dec. 28, 1847, when copies of the following notice were posted about the town:

A MEETING

of the inhabitants of the town of Mount Morris will be held at the chapel of said town on Saturday, the 8th day of January (1848), at 2 o'clock for the purpose of determining whether we will incorporate said town. (Signed)

MANY CITIZENS.

Mount Morris, Dec. 28, 1847.

In conformity to the above notice, a meeting of the white male inhabitants, of lawful age, who had been residents of the village six months immediately preceding this date, or who were owners of freehold property in the village, was held, as ordered, in the seminary chapel, at the time specified. On motion, Daniel Brayton was called to the chair and F. G. Petrie appointed clerk.

A viva voce vote, to decide whether the village should be incorporated, was then taken. Nineteen votes were cast in favor of the measure and none against. The following notice was also posted by Daniel Brayton on the 28th day of December, 1847:

NOTICE

A meeting of the inhabitants of Mount Morris will be held in the chapel of Rock River Seminary on the 15th day of January, 1848, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of electing, viva voce, five (residents and freeholders of said town) trustees of the same.

Mount Morris, Jan. 8, 1848.

F. G. PETRIE, Clerk.

This meeting was duly held, and the following trustees were chosen: Aaron C. Marston, Andrew Newcomer, James J. Beatty, Jonathan Knodle, Sr., and William McCune. On the 22nd day of January, 1848, this board, with A. C. Marston as clerk, formulated and passed eight ordinances, which form the groundwork of the present village ordinances. They are quite interesting from the fact that they are the first laws passed by the first Board of Trustees of Mount Morris. They are as follows:

PREAMBLE.

We, the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, as a body corporate and acting in accordance with the powers vested in Chapter 25, Section 12, of the revised statutes of the state of Illinois, do hereby declare and make known the following, as below subjoined, to be nuisances within our jurisdiction, and that after ten days' public notice being given, the same shall take effect. Any person or persons persisting, in whole or in part, in any infringement of the laws herein provided or enacted by said Board of Trustees, be it unto them made known that civil process will be immediately issued against them according to the laws herein provided.

ARTICLE 1.—Be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris that the boundaries of said corporation shall be as follows: Commencing at a stake set at the southwest corner of the land owned by the Rock River Seminary, thence on a line due north one mile, thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile to the place of beginning.

ARTICLE 2.—Be it further ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that the licensing of groceries for the purpose of retailing spiritous or malt liquors within the jurisdiction of the corporation is strictly injurious to the good and well-being of the citizens of said corporation.

ARTICLE 3.—Resolved, therefore, and be it ordained by the president and trustees aforesaid, that the sale or vending of spiritous or malt liquor is, by virtue of this ordinance, strictly prohibited, and any person or persons found violating said ordinance, he or they shall be subject to pay a fine of not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 4.—Provided always and be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that a permit may be granted from time to time for the sale of spiritous liquors for medical and mechanical purposes, and for none other.

ARTICLE 5.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that all gambling and drunkenness of whatsoever class may be, is, by virtue of this ordinance, declared a nuisance and will be proceeded against as such; and any person or persons found violating said ordinance shall be subject to pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 6.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees aforesaid, that all shows, circuses, theaters, or exhibitions of that class, not having license under seal of the president of the Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris are, by virtue of this ordinance, strictly forbidden to exhibit such shows, theaters or performances, under a penalty of paying a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 7.—Be it ordained by the president and trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that all riotous behavior, such as quarreling, fighting, or in any way disturbing the quiet and peace of the citizens of said town, is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons wantonly or presumptuously violating this ordinance shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

ARTICLE 8.—Be it ordaind by the president and Board of Trustees of the town of Mount Morris, that horse-racing is hereby strictly forbidden and prohibited within the limits of this corporation is, by this ordinance, declared a nuisance, and any person or persons violating this ordinance shall pay a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offense.

The record next contains six more ordinances, passed by the same board in a meeting held April 5, 1848. The first prohibited persons from suffering the carcasses of animals, owned or claimed by them, to remain unburied, and provided a penalty for the same. The second prohibited the indecent exhibition of animals in the village. The third provided that all male residents of the village, who had arrived at the age of twenty-one years, should labor three days on the roads, streets or alleys, as they might be directed by the supervisor of the same; and further provided that any one neglecting to do so when notified should be fined one dollar for each day's labor neglected, the same to be laid out on the streets where labor might be required. The fourth provided a penalty and method of prosecution of persons who should idle away their time, or act disorderly, or refuse to obey the supervisor under whose charge they were placed when working on the streets. The fifth specified the duties of the supervisor of the town. The sixth provided penalties for the wanton or malicious destruction of property within the corporation. At this same meeting the board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That all trials shall be before the president of the board and conducted in the same manner as they are before justices of the peace, and all fees and costs proceeding therefrom shall be the same as if issued before a justice of the peace.

These two meetings of the board appear to have been the only ones. No corporation officers were appointed, and for several years nothing further was done, at least there are no records of any elections until Jan. 1, 1856, when the following notice appeared:

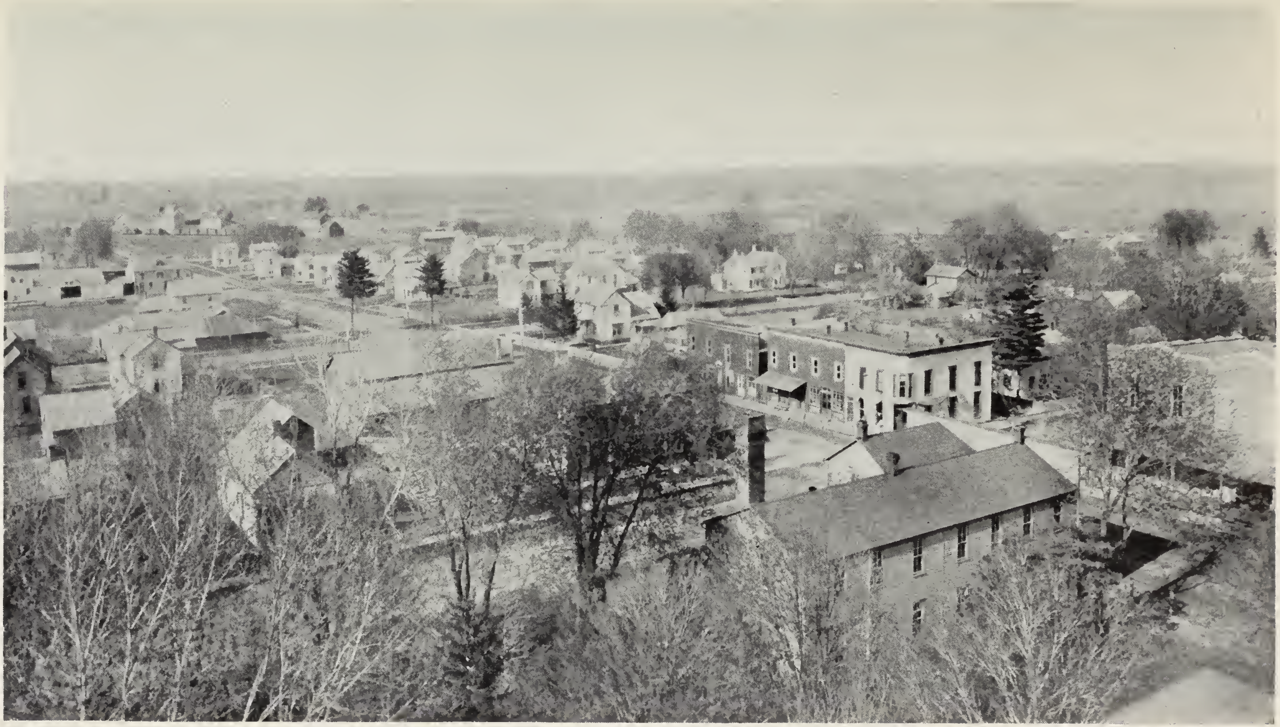
ELECTION NOTICE

There will be an election held at the house of William S. Blair in the town of Mount Morris, on the 15th day of January, 1856, for the purpose of electing five trustees of the town of Mount Morris, in Ogle County, Illinois.

F. G. PETRIE, Clerk.

Mount Morris, Jan. 1, 1856.

Jacob Coffman, Frederick B. Brayton and D. A. Potter were appointed judges of this election.



VIEW OF MOUNT MORRIS looking to the northeast as it appeared from the top of College Hall in about the year 1900. The frame building in the right foreground is the old Brethren Publishing House building which was occupied by that institution for many years before moving to Elgin. Kable Brothers moved the Mount Morris Index into this building in 1900 and it was here that the first edition of "Mount Morris: Past and Present" was printed. Part of this building was later torn down and the rest was moved across the street to the north where it was used several years until a new plant was built on the south side of the campus.

As a result of this election, Jacob Coffman, David A. Potter, Elias Baker, William Schultz and Henry I. Little were the trustees elected. The whole number of votes cast was thirty-six. The poll-list was as follows:

A. H. Baily
Hiram Beard
W. S. Blair
F. B. Brayton
L. J. Brogunier
Richard Brown
C. R. Cheney
E. M. Cheney
Thomas Clems
D. S. Coffman
Simon H. Coffman
Jacob Coffman
Henry Coggins
B. Cooper
J. D. Hays
G. W. Harshman
William Hedges
J. A. Knodle
Jonathan Knodle
Peter Knodle, Jr.
E. W. Little
William Little
Jesse Mayberry
Jonathan Mumma
Andrew Newcomer
J. A. Noel
Robert O'Neal
D. A. Potter
Peyton Skinner
B. F. Shyrock
B. R. Thomas
Ezra Toms
John F. Wallace
J. M. Webb
John Winders
Thomas Winston

The newly-elected board met and organized Jan. 19, 1856. D. A. Potter was elected president; William Schultz, clerk; Jacob Coffman, treasurer; and Peter Knodle, Jr., constable. The first business of importance transacted was concerning the taxes. By a unanimous vote the motion was carried that a tax be raised of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of all the real estate within the limits of the corporation, according to the last assessment, for the purpose of making sidewalks and improvements of roads, streets and alleys within the corporation. The ordinances passed by the trustees in 1848 were reenacted at this meeting. Peter Knodle, Jr., was appointed corporation tax-collector.

Feb. 15, 1856, it was provided that sixteen blocks of sidewalk be built, and the same to be made three feet wide and of two-inch plank, the lots in front of walks to be taxed to pay three-fourths of cost of same.

Feb. 22, 1856, a tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars was again levied on all real estate in the corporation, and the collector authorized to proceed to collect the general tax in ten days. March 7, Jacob Coffman was appointed street commissioner. April 11, the cost of building sixty-six feet of sidewalk was estimated at $13.34 by the trustees. June 13, all huckstering was forbidden in the seminary square and within the bounds of the streets surrounding the same; also the sale and firing of firecrackers or any kind of fireworks was prohibited within the limits of the corporation, except by permit.

March 28, 1857, fifty dollars was appropriated to build a pound. April 22, William Schultz was appointed assessor and his compensation fixed at $1.50 per day. William H. Coho was appointed constable and poundmaster. May 1, Jonathan Mumma was appointed street commissioner with a compensation of $1.25 per day. Provision was also made for nine more blocks of sidewalk, the owners of land to pay three-fourths of the cost of building in front of their lots. May 15, Lewis Fletcher was appointed collector for the ensuing year, his compensation to be three per cent. A tax of five mills was levied on all taxable property.

March 1, 1858, the spring election took place in the house of W. S. Blair. Jacob Coffman, D. A. Potter and William Schultz were judges. New names appearing on the polling-list were those of Elias Williams, Nelson Potter, S. V. Miller, William Knodle, Jeremiah Stuff, Warren Little, Eugene Mattison, George Davis, H. I. Little, B. G. Stephens, D. C. Wagner, A. Q. Allen, H. N. Ryan, Samuel Knodle, J. L. Nye, D. Routzhan, George W. Fouke, L. Fletcher, Reuben Wagner, Andrew Newcomer, F. A. McNeill, Michael Noel, H. A. Neff, L. Redfield, A. B. Pickard, William Schultz, H. H. George, Solomon Davis, L. H. Coffman, W. S. Pope, H. H. Newcomer, Charles Brook, E. Baker, and J. M. Webb. The trustees elected for the following year were Elias Baker, D. A. Potter, J. B. McCoy, William Schultz, and J. McClelland Miller.

The following, the latter part of the oath of office taken by the trustees at this time and for several years later, would sound rather queer, and, of course, would be entirely unnecessary at this time: "Also we do solemnly swear that we have not fought a duel, nor sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel, the probable issue of which might have been the death of either party, nor in any manner aided or assisted in such duel, nor been knowingly the bearer of any such challenge or acceptance since the adoption of the

THIS IS A VIEW looking south from the top of "Old Sandstone" about the year 1870. The schoolhouse in the distance had just been built. Note the small size of the pine trees, also the old wooden fence in the foreground, which entirely surrounded the campus of Rock River Seminary, which then consisted of four blocks, including the two blocks immediately west of the present campus.

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Constitution, and that we will not be so engaged or concerned, directly or indirectly, in or about such duel during our continuance in office. So help us God!" This part was dropped in 1871, and a briefer form adopted.

The board organized March 19, 1858, with D. A. Potter president and William Schultz clerk. J. B. McCoy was elected treasurer; H. N. Ryan, corporation attorney; J. S. Nye, constable and poundmaster; J. McClelland Miller, street commissioner; William Schultz, corporation assessor. April 9, J. McClelland Miller was elected collector and Peter Knodle, Jr., assessor. April 14, an ordinance was passed, providing that many of the sidewalks of the town be widened from three to four feet. The tax levy for this year was forty cents on the one hundred dollars.

At the spring election of 1859, eighty-eight votes were cast, and Elias Baker, James B. McCoy, Henry Neff, Samuel Knodle, and Andrew Newcomer were elected trustees. At their first meeting, Elias Baker was chosen president; Samuel Knodle, clerk; and H. A. Neff, treasurer. Later, Samuel Knodle was elected collector and town constable, and Jonathan Knodle, street commissioner and poundmaster. Sept. 2, a tax of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of real and personal property was assessed.

March 5, 1860, at the annual election, fifty-three votes were cast, and J. B. McCoy, Andrew Newcomer, Samuel Knodle, Henry A. Neff, and James M. Webb were elected trustees. Andrew Newcomer was elected president; Samuel Knodle, clerk; and Henry A. Neff, treasurer. The board appointed Peter Knodle, Jr., and William L. Coho corporation constables, and Jacob Coffman, street commissioner. A tax levy of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars was made for the year.

The same trustees were re-elected in 1861, and the president, clerk, and treasurer remained the same. A tax rate of twenty cents was again levied for the year.

December 7, 1861, the following petition, signed by twenty-six citizens, was presented to the board:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Village of Mount Morris:

Gentlemen: In view of the fact that an ordinance of this village against the sale of beer, etc., is daily violated by certain shopkeepers, and of the fact that all good citizens desire the abatement of this nuisance;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, beg that your body will assemble and either call a public meeting of the citizens, to take some measures for the supression of this traffic, or that you will yourselves, having knowledge of the fact named, take due course for the execution of the law, and in maintaining temperance and the honor of our community.

In compliance with the above, the board called a meeting of the citizens of the village, to devise some means to suppress the nuisance. The meeting was held in the Methodist church, but no record of the action taken by the assembly can be found.

The tax rate for 1862 was placed at ten cents on the one hundred dollars. The trustees for this year were the same as the year previous.

March 2, 1863, seventy-nine votes were recorded at the election. The trustees elected were all new men, as follows: James Clark, W. H. Atchison, H. I. Little, F. B. Brayton, A. Q. Allen. They organized with James Clark as president; A. Q. Allen, clerk; and William H. Atchison, treasurer. This board continued in office two years. July 25, 1864, Peter Funk was appointed poundmaster and William Bull, street commissioner.

In 1865, votes polled, twenty-three. Trustees elected: James B. McCoy (president), A. Newcomer (clerk), Henry I. Little (treasurer), J. McClelland Miller, and F. B. Brayton. Appointments: J. McClelland Miller, street commissioner at $2.50 per day; Peter Knodle, constable; William Nichols, poundmaster.

In 1866, twenty-nine votes were polled. Trustees elected: F. B. Brayton (president), Andrew Newcomer (clerk), Henry I. Little (treasurer), Martin T. Rohrer, and J. McClelland Miller. Appointments: J. McClelland Miller, street commissioner; Peter Knodle, constable; William Fish, poundmaster. (The pound at this time, and a number of years previous, appeared to have been used a great deal for the imprisonment of hogs, many of which were allowed to run upon the streets. The trustees often had occasion to legislate upon this nuisance.)

In 1867, twenty-four votes were polled. The trustees elected were the same as the previous year. Appointments: Stephen H. Cheney, road commissioner; William Myers, assistant. A tax of fifty cents on the one hundred dollars was assessed for the year's expenses.

In 1868, forty-seven votes were polled. Trustees elected: Elias Williams, Samuel Knodle, Morris Gaffin, John Sprecher, Henry Middlekauff. There is no record that the members of this board ever took the oath of office or held a single meeting during their year of office. From appearances, the board of the year previous met in their stead.

In 1869, the board of 1867 was again elected in the spring election, in March. They chose F. B. Brayton president, M. T. Rohrer clerk, and W. I. Little treasurer.

In 1870, eighty-two votes were polled. Trustees elected: F. B. Brayton (president), M. T. Rohrer (clerk), W. I. Little (treasurer), A. Newcomer, and Samuel Lookabaugh. Commencing at this election, the president was elected by direct vote instead of being selected by the trustees from among their own number, as was done heretofore. April 27, this board passed a stringent ordinance, "relating to the sale and traffic in wine, rum, gin, brandy, whiskey, beer, cider, or other intoxicating liquors." For the ensuing year a rate of one dollar on each one hundred dollars' worth of property was levied.

In 1871, eighty-eight votes were polled. The board elected was as follows: Samuel Knodle, president; Ezra Toms (clerk), Upton Miller (treasurer), M. Stroh, S. H. Cheney. A tax of two dollars on each one hundred dollars was levied for the ensuing year. January 27, a considerable amount of new sidewalk was ordered built and the contract let to John T. Stewart at thirty-five cents per rod.

In 1872, seventy-six votes were polled. Board elected: Henry Sharer, president; Jonathan Knodle (clerk), Henry Clevidence (treasurer), Henry H. Newcomer, John Startzman. More sidewalks were laid this year to keep up with the rapid growth of the village. A tax of $500 was levied for corporation purposes for the ensuing year.

THIS VIEW OF MOUNT MORRIS was taken about 1870, looking southwest from the top of "Old Sandstone." Notice in the foreground that the campus extended a long distance to the west and was surrounded by a board fence. In fact every property had a fence around it in those days, because every one kept cows and horses which were permitted to graze on the streets and vacant lots. The brick house at the left used to be the Methodist parsonage and is still standing.

In 1873, fifty-seven votes were polled. Board elected: Martin T. Rohrer, president; Samuel Lookabaugh (clerk), Henry H. Clevidence (treasurer), Oliver H. Swingley, John French. S. H. Cheney was appointed street commissioner, and a tax of $700 was levied.

In 1874, seventy votes were polled. Board elected: Samuel Lookabaugh, president; Samuel Mumma (clerk), Henry Sharer, J. A. Knodle, H. H. Clevidence. Stephen H. Cheney was reappointed street commissioner, and a tax of $800 levied. On Feb. 25, 1875, a petition was presented to this board, asking that an election be held to vote for or against village organization under the general law, enacted by the General Assembly of Illinois. The petition was granted and the election was set for March 27, 1875, with H. I. Little, Elijah Scott, and John Sharer, judges, and Peter Householder and A. W. Little, clerks of the election. The election resulted in favor of the proposed village organization, thirty-five votes being cast for the measure to one against.

In 1875, an election was called and held April 20, to elect six trustees, a village clerk and police magistrate, as required by the new organization. The result was as follows: Andrew Newcomer, I. H. Allen, H. I. Little, H. H. Clevidence, Peter Householder, J. M. Piper, trustees; village clerk and police magistrate, M. T. Rohrer. The vote polled was 110. O. H. Swingley was appointed treasurer, and Stephen H. Cheney, street commissioner. September 4, a tax levy of $500 was made. September 17, a considerable amount of new sidewalk was ordered built at a cost of thirty-four cents per rod.

In 1876, the village officers elected were as follows: John H. Swingley, H. H. Clevidence, Henry I. Little, Joseph M. Piper, J. A. Knodle, Charles Miles, trustees; Martin T. Rohrer, village clerk. Mr. Little was selected as president. A. W. Little received the appointment of street commissioner, and J. B. McCoy that of village constable. The annual appropriation bill was passed July 29, providing a tax of $625. Later an additional appropriation of $100 was made, to build a calaboose.

The election held April 17, 1877, was as follows: For trustees, Henry Clevidence, John H. Swingley, Samuel Mumma, Benj. G. Stephens, Jacob A. Knodle, Thomas Williams; village clerk, John Sharer. B. G. Stephens was chosen president. O. H. Swingley was appointed treasurer; Peter Funk, street commissioner; and J. B. McCoy, village constable. The annual appropriation was $500.

In 1878, the election was held April 16, and resulted as follows: For trustees, H. L. Smith, T. C. Williams, H. H. Newcomer, L. J. Brogunier, H. H. Clevidence, W. S. Blair; village clerk, Arthur M. Newcomer. H. H. Clevidence was chosen president. Appointments: O. H. Swingley, village treasurer; Rigdon McCoy, street commissioner; Addison W. Neff, village constable. During this year the first licensed saloon was opened by W. H. Wallace, who paid $400 per annum for the privilege. Licenses were also granted to Pool Brothers and Solomon Davis to run billiard halls. An appropriation of $400 was made for all purposes for the ensuing year. B. F. Tracy was appointed street commissioner Sept. 9, to fill vacancy, for the remainder of the term.

In 1879, the election resulted as follows: Trustees, John W. Hitt, John H. Nye, Charles C. Miles, George W. Shank, Lewis Sprecher, J. F. Whitman; village clerk, Edward Mooney. John W. Hitt was elected president. Appointments for the year: O. H. Swingley, village treasurer; James B. McCoy, village constable; H. C. Clark, street commissioner. A levy of $500 was made to meet the year's expenses.

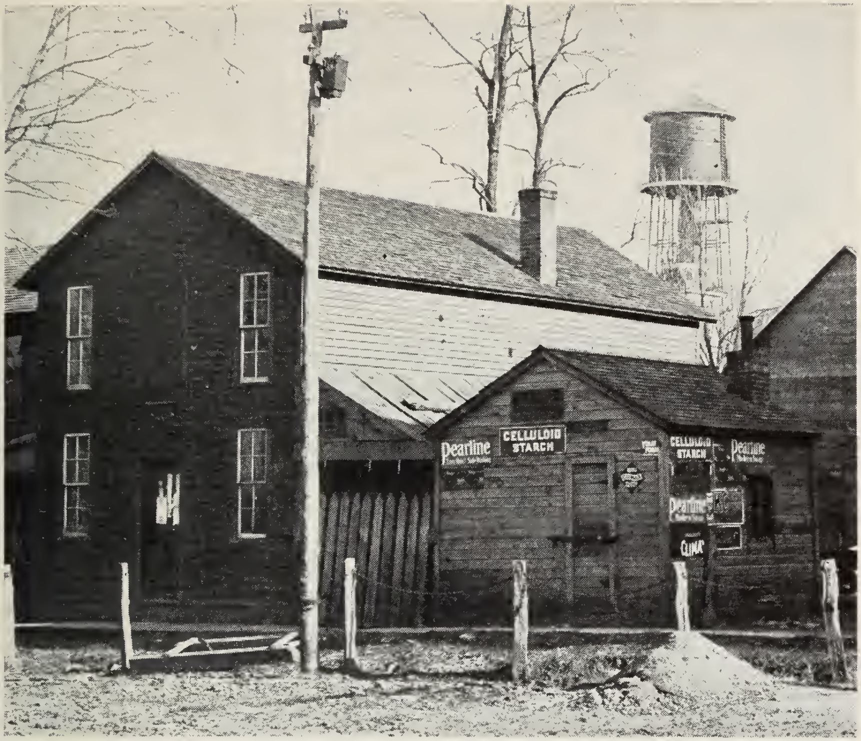
In 1880, the election resulted as follows: Trustees, Charles Newcomer, Peyton Skinner, George H. Riner, John French, Samuel Middour, H. H. Thomas; clerk, E. L. Mooney. License was made an issue at this election, and apparently a very strong sentiment had arisen against the saloons, as the result shows that 174 votes were cast against and not one for license. The board organized with Charles Newcomer as president. At this time the term of the trustees was changed from one to two years, three of the six to be elected every year. It being necessary to divide the board into two classes, one to serve one year and the other, two, lots were cast, which resulted as follows: Charles Newcomer, Peyton Skinner, and John French were to serve one year, and George H. Riner, Samuel Middour, and H. H. Thomas, two years. Appointments for the year: Village constable, A. W. Neff; treasurer, O. H. Swingley; village clerk, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of clerk-elect, Holly C. Clark; street commissioner, B. F. Tracy. Later H. L. Smith was chosen to succeed Mr. Neff as village constable. The sum of $1,075 was appropriated for the year's expenses.

In 1881, the three new trustees elected were Andrew Newcomer, George Sprecher, and John French. Holly Clark was elected village clerk and Andrew Newcomer was chosen president. Appointments: O. H. Swingley, treasurer; B. F. Tracy, street commissioner; Robert Crosby, marshal. Rigdon McCoy was later chosen to succeed Mr. Crosby as marshal. The annual appropriation was $800.

In 1882, the trustees elected were as follows: H. H. Clevidence, Luther J. Brogunier, Archibald S. McCoy; village clerk, W. H. Miller. H. H. Clevidence was chosen president. Appointments: David Rine, treasurer; B. F. Stouffer, marshal; Robert Crosby, street commissioner. A saloon and a billiard-hall were licensed by this board, the former paying a license of $500. The annual appropriation bill amounted to $1,000. Rigdon McCoy acted as marshal during the latter part of the fiscal year.

In 1883, the officers elected were as follows: Trustees, George Sprecher, David Newcomer, A. E. Canode; clerk, Samuel Knodle. H. H. Clevidence was chosen president. Appointments: David Rine, treasurer; Robert Crosby, street commissioner. No appropriation appears to have been made.

In 1884, the trustees elected were Isaac Rice, Benjamin F. Mumma, John Harmon; to fill vacancy, John Stewart. Samuel Knodle was elected village clerk, and Isaac Rice was chosen president. Appointments: A. M. Newcomer, treasurer; John E. Miller, street commissioner and marshal; George S. Cheney, assistant marshal. William C. Withers was appointed street commis-



FOR MANY YEARS the two-story building on the left was owned by the Village of Mount Morris and used as a meeting place for the Village Board of Trustees. The small building at the right was used as the village jail or calaboose as it was called, but it was a very rare occurrence when any unruly citizen had to be confined there. However, tramps were occasionally allowed to sleep there. These buildings were torn down a few years ago and the new township hall used until the village erected its own building in 1921.

sioner, to fill vacancy, during the latter part of the year. Appropriation, $1,884. The records of this year show considerable activity on the part of the board in suppressing the illicit sale of liquor.

In 1885, trustees elected: David Newcomer, John T. Stewart, Jacob Good; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Isaac Rice was again selected president. Appointments: A. M. Newcomer, treasurer; William C. Withers, street commissioner and marshal. Appropriation, $1,000.

In 1886, trustees elected: William H. Jackson, Benj. F. Tracy, Peter Householder; clerk, Samuel Knodle. David Newcomer was selected president. Appointments: A. M. Newcomer, treasurer; William C. Withers, street commissioner; George S. Cheney, marshal and poundmaster. The office of marshal was later transferred to Jacob Withers. In May of this year, the village hall and lot were purchased of John Sprecher for $300. The calaboose was moved upon the newly-purchased lot, and the remainder used as a pound. In August, the board commenced the work of revising the ordinances, which were afterward published in pamphlet form. Jacob Good, an honored member of the board, died during this term, and resolutions of respect were passed and spread upon the minutes. The annual appropriation amounted to $1,500.

In 1887, trustees elected: Full term, David Newcomer, John T. Stewart, Samuel Rowe; to fill vacancy, Oliver H. Swingley; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Dr. Newcomer was again chosen president. Appointments: William C. Withers, street commissioner; A. M. Newcomer, treasurer. Annual appropriation $1,000.

In 1888, the election resulted as follows: For president, Charles Newcomer; trustees, Daniel N. Wingert, Joseph M. Piper, Charles Sharer; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments: Benjamin F. Tracy, street commissioner and marshal; A. M. Newcomer, treasurer. Kerosene lamps for lighting the streets were purchased in August and placed on the principal corners of the town. The appropriation for the fiscal year amounted to $1,000.

In 1889, the election resulted as follows: For president, Charles Newcomer; trustees, George Sprecher, John T. Stewart, George B. McCosh; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments: A. M. Newcomer, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, marshal and street commissioner. In July of this year, three large cisterns, to provide water in case of fire, were built, each cistern having a capacity of 150 barrels. They have long since been filled up. A fire company of seven persons was formed at this time. The annual appropriation was $1,000.

In 1890, the election resulted as follows: For president, Charles Newcomer; trustees, A. E. Canode, Clinton E. Price, Henry H. Newcomer; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments: William H. Miller, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, marshal and street commissioner. Annual appropriation, $1,000.

In 1891, result of election: For president, Charles Newcomer; trustees, George B. McCosh, Henry L. Smith, Jacob Craley; clerk, Samuel Knodle. The question whether a village tax of one mill should be levied for a public library was an issue at this election. Seventy-one votes were cast in favor of, and one against, the proposition. William Miller and Samuel Rowe were reappointed treasurer and marshal and street commissioner respectively. The annual appropriation was $1,500.

In 1892, result of election: For president, Charles Newcomer; trustees, Samuel P. Mumma, A. M. Newcomer, Daniel B. Keedy; clerk, Samuel Knodle. William Miller was again appointed treasurer and Samuel Rowe, street commissioner and marshal. The annual appropriation was $1,650.

In 1893, result of election: For president, W. H. Jackson; trustees, Philip T. Sprecher, Charles H. Sharer, C. H. Mishler; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Officers of the year previous were reappointed. The street leading to the depot, known as "Midway," was opened and macadamized. Annual appropriation, $1,850.

In 1894, result of election: For president, W. W. Hanes; trustees, Clinton E. Price, Henry L. Smith, Benj. Rine; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Officers of the previous year were reappointed. During the summer the first five blocks (5,728 square feet) of tar-concrete walk were constructed by J. F. Wisner, of Rockford. The annual appropriation bill amounted to $2,500. At the meeting of the board on Feb. 4, 1895, the following petition, signed by N. E. Buser, Charles Newcomer, Joseph Amick, L. A. Plate, R. E. Arnold, Simon E. Yundt, and 168 others, was submitted for their consideration:

> To the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mount Morris:
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> *Gentlemen:* The undersigned, citizens and tax-payers of Mount Morris, feeling that the time has arrived when the village should have a system of water-works, herewith submit this petition, and respectfully ask your honorable body to take the legal preliminary measures necessary to submit the question of water-works to the voters of the village at the coming spring election—said water-works not to exceed $15,000, and to be so constructed as to furnish ample protection from fire to the lumber yard of Clark & Wingert, the elevators, and Chain-Stay Fence factory, on the north side; P. T. Sprecher, A. W. Brayton, and John Rice, on the east side; the creamery, Old Folks' Home, and public school building, on the south side; Mr. Lutz and John French, on the west side; and all property included within the above limits.

The ordinance prohibiting the pasturing of cattle on the streets was ordered to be strictly enforced, and the practice was effectually done away with.

In 1895, result of election: For president, W. W. Hanes; trustees, full terms, John H. Rice, Philip T. Sprecher, W. A. Newcomer; to fill vacancy, Ira W. Wingert; clerk, Samuel Knodle. The question whether a waterworks system should be put in was voted upon, 96 votes being cast in favor of, and 69 in opposition to the measure. The officers of the year previous were reappointed.

FEED STABLE

THIS OLD LANDMARK, which stood for years on the corner now occupied by the Village Hall, was torn down in April, 1906. This building was used for many years as a livery stable and was built in the fifties by Benj. and David Wagner. It passed through many ownerships over a period of fifty years, among them being H. L. Smith, Chas. Niman and Dr. A. W. Price.

May 6, it was ordered that bonds to the amount of $8,000 be issued by the village to apply on the construction of water-works. May 14, a special meeting of the board was held to consider the kind of water-works that would be suitable. A number of authorities were consulted, and a committee appointed with power to let the contract for the system, visited Amboy, and reported in favor of a steel tower. June 27, the annual appropriation ordinance was passed, providing $400 for interest on water-works bonds, $1,500 for increase of water system, and $1,400 for other purposes, making a total of $3,300, the largest sum ever appropriated for village purposes, previous to that time. July 24, the contract for drilling the artesian well was let to J. P. Miller & Co., of Chicago, and Aug. 8, the contract for the tower, power-house, and equipment complete, was let to the United States Wind, Engine and Pump Co., of Batavia, for $6,163. April 6, 1896, the following ordinance was passed:

> Be it ordained by the president and Board of Trustees of the village of Mount Morris, that all sidewalk on the principal streets hereafter to be constructed shall be laid of tar-concrete, stone, brick, or artificial stone, excepting the sidewalk in front of stores and other business houses on Wesley avenue and other business streets, where it may be impracticable or undesirable to lay walks with other material than planks or boards.

In 1896, result of election: For president, W. W. Hanes; trustees, Ira W. Wingert, Edward Slater, Benj. Rine; clerk, Samuel Knodle. William H. Miller was again appointed village treasurer and Samuel Rowe, marshal and street commissioner. In July, complete settlement was made for the water-works system, the amount of the bill being $6,435.94. The annual appropriation bill amounted to $3,300, $400 being set aside for interest on bonds, $1,500 for increase of water-works system, and the balance for sidewalks, streets, and contingencies.

In 1897, result of election: For president, A. W. Brayton; trustees, Philip T. Sprecher, H. E. Newcomer, W. A. Newcomer; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments: William H. Miller, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, marshal and street commissioner; C. H. Whitman, fire marshal. During the spring of this year, 2,169 lineal feet of tar-concrete walk was laid, aggregating about seven blocks, in addition to the wide walk leading to the depot. The annual appropriation provided 3,300, of which $1,200 was designed for increasing the water-works system.

In 1898, result of election: For president, A. W. Brayton; trustees, A. E. Clevidence, Benj. Rine, Ira W. Wingert; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments: William H. Miller, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, marshal; C. H. Whitman, fire marshal; George Lampert, street commissioner. In April, 7,561½ lineal feet of tar-concrete walk was laid. Appropriation, $3,300, of which amount $900 was for increase of water system and $700 for walks.

In 1899, the election resulted as follows: For president, W. W. Hanes; trustees, H. E. Newcomer, W. A. Newcomer, Philip T. Sprecher; clerk, Samuel Knodle. Appointments, William H. Miller, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, marshal; George Lampert, street commissioner. Appropriation, $3,300. No provision was made for the extension of the water-mains, an extra large amount being set aside for sidewalks. In July of this year, the street commissioner purchased an improved road-grader, with which much good work was done on unmacadamized streets. Nearly 3,000 lineal feet of tar-concrete walk was laid during the year.

In 1900, the election resulted as follows: For president, W. W. Hanes; trustees, Ira W. Wingert, Benj. Rine, William Peacock; clerk, B. E. Avey. Appointments, Roy Householder, treasurer; Samuel Rowe, manager of pumping-station; William Keedy, marshal and street commissioner. The annual appropriation bill, passed June 7, again provided $3,300 for current expenses during the fiscal year. In August, William Keedy resigned, and William Withers was appointed street commissioner, while the duties of marshal were again assumed by Samuel Rowe.

From 1901 to 1938, the village officers elected were as follows:

1901—President, John E. McCoy; Trustees, Wm. Peacock, Ben Rine, P. T. Sprecher, I. W. Wingert, Wm. Marshall, Price Stouffer; Clerk, B. E. Avey; Treasurer, J. G. Miller.

1902—President, John E. McCoy; Trustees, Wm. Marshall, P. T. Sprecher, Price Stouffer, Frank Baker, Emanuel Slifer, C. H. Whitman; Clerk, B. E. Avey; Treasurer, J. G. Miller.

1903—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees, Frank Baker, Emanuel Slifer, C. H. Whitman, A. E. Canode, O. C. Gloss, J. O. Thomas; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, J. G. Miller.

1904—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees,

CHARLES E. BOSTON, son of Benj. F. and Tilitha Dalton Boston, was born May 6, 1878, at Girard, Ill. He came to Mount Morris in 1914 to enter the employ of the Buser Concrete Construction Co. as foreman, where he worked until 1928, when he opened the Boston Electric & Sporting Goods Store. In 1931, he entered the employ of the village, first as manager of the community gymnasium, then superintendent of water department, now head of water and sewer department. He also served as village president and trustee for several terms, and clerk of Moont Morris Township for six years. In 1902, he married Virgie L. Campbell, and they have two sons, Carroll E. and Stanley D. They own their home at 112 Emily Street.

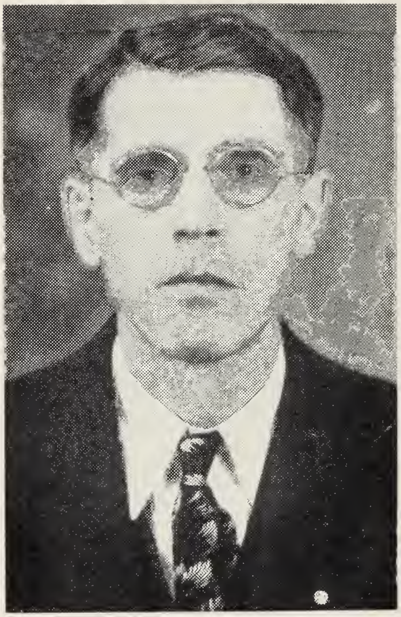
VILLAGE OFFICERS, 1938: Left to right, Syril Avey, Daniel Miller (treasurer), Frank Hilger, Chas. Edson, Otto Hudson (president of board), H. E. Longman, Harold Patterson, Nelson Bruner, Harold R. Palmer (chief of police) and Fred Frederickson (clerk).

A. E. Canode, O. C. Gloss, J. O. Thomas, C. H. Mishler, A. W. Price, G. E. Weaver; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1905—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees, A. E. Canode, J. O. Thomas, A. W. Brayton, J. P. Holsinger, R. C. McCready, John Rice; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1906—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees, A. W. Brayton, A. E. Canode, J. P. Holsinger, R. C. McCready, John Rice, J. O. Thomas; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1907—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees, A. W. Brayton, J. P. Holsinger, J. H. Rice, J. O. Thomas, Ira Hendrickson, Dr. D. F. Stevens; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.



OTTO A. HUDSON was elected President of the Village Board of Trustees in 1934 and reelected for a four-year term in 1937. He is the son of Willey and Mary (Stewart) Hudson and was born August 14, 1886, near Fair Oaks, Ind. He learned the trade of electrotyper and came to Mount Morris to enter the employ of Kable Brothers Company from Hammond, Ind., in 1924. In 1914, he married Esther D. Lord, and they have four children as follows: Richard S., Robert W., Ralph F. and Louise Elsie. Mr. Hudson was cornetist for nine years in the Kable Brothers Company (129th Infantry) Band. His son, Richard, won the state high school championship as pianist while in high school, and his youngest son, Ralph, is becoming a talented violinist. Mr. Hudson is an active member of the local Masonic Lodge, having served as Master for two years and secretary for nine years.

1908—President, W. D. Davis; Trustees, Ira Hendrickson, John Rice, J. O. Thomas, Frank Coffman, A. H. Dunne, Chas. Wishard; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1909—President, Dr. J. H. Ritson; Trustees, Frank Coffman, A. H. Dunne, Ira Hendrickson, Chas. Wishard, LeRoy Iler, Ed. Marvin; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, J. E. Clapper.

1910—President, Dr. J. H. Ritson; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, Ira Hendrickson, LeRoy Iler, Ed. Marvin, Dr. J. F. Stevens, Price Stouffer; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1911—President, Joseph L. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, Dr. D. F. Stevens, Price Stouffer, A. T. Olson, John Tice, John Wine; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1912—President, Joseph L. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, A. T. Olson, Price Stouffer, John Wine, L. C. Sprecher; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1913—President, John H. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, A. T. Olson, L. C. Sprecher, Price Stouffer, John Wine, W. H. McCready; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1914—President, John H. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, A. T. Olson, Price Stouffer, John Wine, Fred Frederickson, Wm. Marshall; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1915—President, John H. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, Fred Frederickson, Wm. Marshall, A. T. Olson, W. P. Stouffer, John Wine; Clerk, A. M. Newcomer; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1916—President, John H. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, Wm. Marshall, A. T. Olson, F. Jacobs, Harvey J. Kable, B. S. Price; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1917—President, John H. Rice; Trustees, A. H. Dunne, F. Jacobs, H. J. Kable, A. T. Olson, B. S. Price, Louis Paul; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

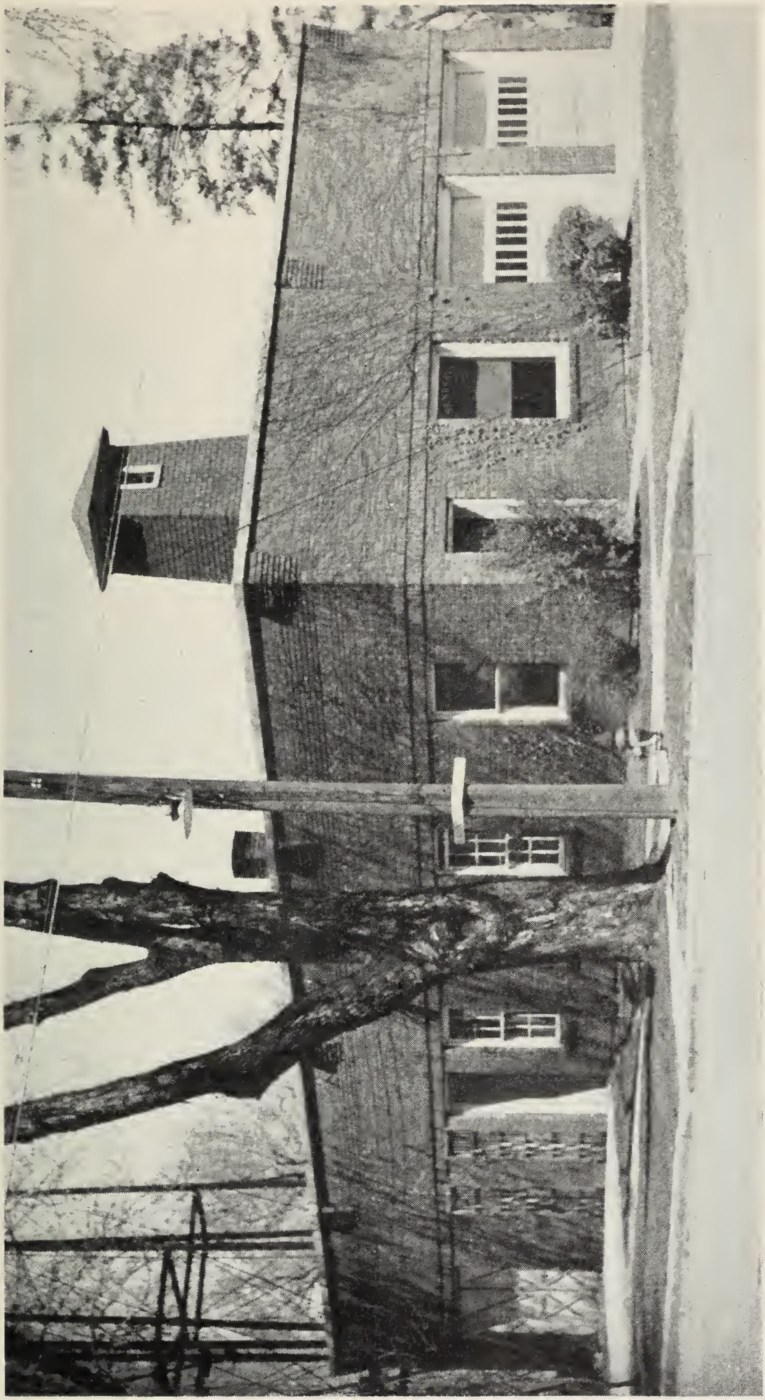
1918—President, John H. Miller (Later succeeded by A. H. Rittenhouse); Trustees, F. Jacobs, Louis Paul, Clinton Miller, Wm. Peacock, John Rudy, W. E. West; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1919—President, Robert H. Newcomer; Trustees, F. Jacobs, Louis Paul, Wm. Peacock, W. E. West, Roy Brayton, Fred Watts; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

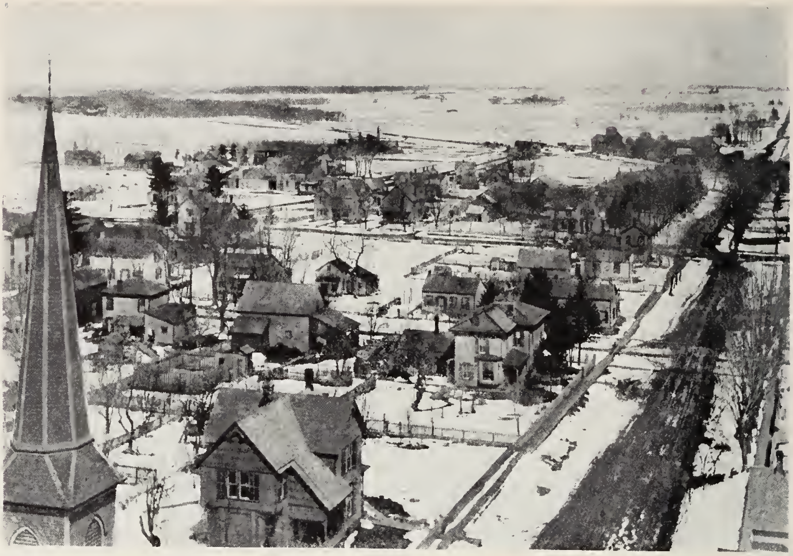
1920—President, Dr. J. H. Ritson; Trustees, Roy Brayton, F. Jacobs, Wm. Peacock, Fred Watts, W. E. West, Ray Holsinger; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, P. T. Sprecher.

1921—President, John W. Wine; Trustees, Ray Holsinger, Wm. Peacock, W. E. West, Geo. Farwell, D. C. Tracy, Chas. Wishard; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Louis C. Sprecher.

1922—President, John W. Wine; Trus-



THE VILLAGE HALL of Mount Morris was built in 1921 on the northeast corner of McKendrie Ave. and Center St. This building houses the fire equipment, the village jail, the pumping station and the meeting place for the Village Board of Trustees. This corner was occupied for many years by a livery stable.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW of Mount Morris looking northwest from the water tower about the year 1900. Note the Geo. Sprecher homestead in the center background where the Kable plant now stands.

tees, Geo. Farwell, Wm. Peacock, D. C. Tracy, W. E. West, Chas. Wishard, Frank Light; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Louis C. Sprecher.

1923—President, Dr. J. H. Ritson; Trustees, F. Jacobs, Frank Light, Wm. Peacock, Fred Watts, W. E. West, A. S. Barre; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Louis C. Sprecher.

1924—President, Dr. J. H. Ritson; Trustees, A. S. Barre, F. Jacobs, Fred Watts, W. E. West, S. E. Avey, Sr., Alvin Hurdle; Clerk, Roy Cratty; Treasurer, Chas. H. Sharer.

1925—President, D. C. Tracy; Trustees, S. E. Avey, Sr., Avin Hurdle, W. E. West, B. A. Baker, H. E. Coffman, W. B. Stouffer; Clerk, Roy Cratty; Treasurer, Mrs. Lanah Newcomer.

1926—President, D. C. Tracy; Trustees, B. A. Baker, H. E. Coffman, W. B. Stouffer, Frank Hilger, Dan L. Miller, Dan Samsel; Clerk, C. H. Mishler; Treasurer, Mrs. Lanah Newcomer.

1927—President, Chas. H. Sharer; Trustees, H. E. Coffman, Frank Hilger, Dan L. Miller, Dan Samsel, W. B. Stouffer, Joe Young; Clerk, C. H. Mishler; Treasurer, Fred Frederickson.

1928—President, Chas. H. Sharer; Trustees, H. E. Coffman, Frank Hilger, W. B. Stouffer, Dan Samsel, Joe Young, Chas. Boston; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, H. M. Knodle.

1929—President, Chas. H. Sharer; Trustees, Chas. Boston, Frank Hilger, Dan Samsel, B. A. Baker, Otto Hudson, Geo. H. Warwick; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1930—President, Chas. H. Sharer; Trustees, B. A. Baker, Chas. Boston, Frank Hilger, Otto Hudson, Dan Samsel, Geo. H. Warwick; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1931—President, Chas. E. Boston; Trustees, B. A. Baker, Frank Hilger, Otto Hudson, Dan Samsel, Geo. H. Warwick, R. E. Buser; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1932—President, Chas. E. Boston; Trustees, B. A. Baker, R. E. Buser, Frank Hilger, Otto Hudson, Dan Samsel, Geo. H. Warwick; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1933—President, Chas. E. Boston; Trustees, B. A. Baker, R. E. Buser, Frank Hilger, Otto Hudson, Dan Samsel, Geo. H. Warwick; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1934—President, Chas. E. Boston; Trustees, B. A. Baker, R. E. Buser, Frank Hilger, Otto Hudson, Dan Samsel, Geo. H. Warwick; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1935—President, Otto Hudson; Trustees, B. A. Baker, Frank Hilger, Louis F. Brayton, Nelson Bruner, H. E. Coffman, Chas. Edson; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1936—President, Otto Hudson; Trustees, B. A. Baker, Louis F. Brayton, Nelson Bruner, H. E. Coffman, Chas. Edson, Frank Hilger; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

1937—President, Otto Hudson; Trustees, Nelson Bruner, Chas. Edson, Frank Hilger, Syril E. Avey, H. E. Longman, H. A. Patterson; Clerk, Fred Frederickson; Treasurer, Dan Miller.

Chapter 4

INCORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP

THE Township of Mount Morris was organized in the year 1850, under the Township Organization Law, passed by the State Legislature in February of the year previous. The first town meeting was held on the second day of April, 1850, in the chapel of Rock River Seminary, for the purpose of choosing town officers. At this meeting, D. J. Pinckney was moderator and Benj. G. Stephens, clerk. A resolution was passed to divide the township into six road districts, and an overseer of highways was appointed for each district. The election of town officers, as required by law to be elected by ballot, resulted as follows: For supervisor, James B. McCoy; town clerk, A. Q. Allen; assessor, M. Garman; collector, Jonathan Knodle, Sr.; highway commissioners, Abram Thomas, Jacob Myers, Henry Hiestand; constables, Peter Knodle, Henry Little; justices of the peace, James M. Webb, Henry Little; overseer of the poor, Benj. G. Stephens.

The voters at this first township election numbered 107, many of whose names are probably forgotten by the present citizens of Mount Morris. The list will be of interest to many, and is as follows:

O. N. Adams
Stephen Adams
Henry Agard
A. Q. Allen
John Ankney
Talbot C. Ankney
Daniel Arnold
George Avey
Matthew Ayers
Elias Baker
David Beard
Jacob Beard
John Beard
J. J. Beatty
Aaron Billig
Matthew Blair
W. S. Blair
F. B. Brayton
George Brayton
Thomas Bryant
David Butterbaugh
Joel R. Carll
L. S. Carll
Stephen H. Cheney
Henry Clarke
Henry Coffman
Jacob Coffman
Cooper Crews
William Falkler
S. M. Fellows
George Fouke
James Fouke
Samuel Foutz
Peter Funk
Samuel Garber
Michael Garman, Jr.
Michael Garman, Sr.
Peter Glasgow
David Gloss
John F. Grosh
William Grubb
Charles M. Haller
John Hammer
John Harmon, Jr.
James D. Hays
William Hedges
Alexander Hedrick
Benj. Hedrick
Salathiel Highbarger
Jacob Hoffman
Jacob Hykas
N. J. Judson
Jacob A. Knodle
Jonathan Knodle, Jr.
Jonathan Knodle, Sr.
Peter Knodle
Peter Knodle, Sr.
John Lauderbaugh
Henry Little
William Little
A. C. Marston
Richard McClain
J. B. McCoy
Walter McNutt
Samuel McMillen
Jacob Meyers
Jonathan Meyers
John Miller
Samuel S. Miller
C. Misner
James Mitten
Joseph Muller
Henry Neff
Andrew Newcomer
Henry Newcomer
C. C. Olds
John Palmer
Adam Patterson
F. G. Petrie
Washington Phelps
Jacob Philips
D. J. Pinckney
John Reitzell
Isaac Rice
Jacob Rice, Jr.
John Rice
Martin Rodermel
Andrew Rowland
John Schultz
William Schultz
Jonas Shafstall
Daniel Sprecher
Philip Sprecher
Benj. G. Stephens
William Stephens
N. J. Stroh
Samuel Swingley
Abraham Thomas
Henry Thomas
Samuel Thomas
John Wallace
Lawrence Wallace
Otho Wallace
James M. Webb
Samuel Webb
Thomas Winn
Enoch Wood

From the time of this first town meeting in April, 1850, the meetings have been continued regularly in that month each year, being known as "Annual Town Meetings." The principal business to come before these meetings is the election, by ballot, of township officers, the appointment of overseers of highways of the several road districts into which the township is divided, the appropriation of funds to defray the expenses of the township, and the passage of a few laws found necessary from year to year for the welfare of the general public.

The poll-list of 1852 is interesting from the fact that in it are found the names of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom and General John A. Rawlins, who were evidently students at the seminary at that time. The poll-list of 1860 is an exceptionally large one, containing the names of 235 voters.

October 29, 1864, a special town meeting was held, and the question voted upon whether the town should or should not levy a tax sufficient to pay the expenses incurred in furnishing eleven volunteers for the service of the United States, in accordance with the call of the President for more troops, issued a short time previous. There were 151 votes polled, 134 in favor of the tax and 17 against.

June 30, 1870, a special town meeting was held to vote for or against a donation of $75,000 to the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company. This question is discussed more fully in the chapter on the coming of the railroad.

Township Officers

A complete list of all township officers elected from 1850 to the present time is as follows:

Supervisors

1850—James B. McCoy
1851—Benjamin T. Hedrick
1852—Andrew Newcomer
1853—Joel R. Carll
1854—Samuel Garber (Being a Dunkard preacher, and it being against the rules of his church for members to hold civil office, he refused to serve. Henry Hiestand was appointed in his place.)
1855-1857—Elias Baker
1858—Daniel Sprecher
1859-1860—Francis A. McNeill
1861—John W. Hitt
1862-1868—B. T. Hedrick
1869—John W. Hitt
1870-1872—Charles Newcomer
1873-1878—John W. Hitt
1879-1888—M. E. Gretzendaner
1889—R. S. Marshall
1890-1892—H. H. Clevidence
1893-1896—William Stahlhut
1897-1906—George V. Farwell
1907-1918—Lewis C. Sprecher
1919-1936—John H. Miller
1937-1938—Jess H. Smith

Township Clerks

1850—A. Q. Allen
1851—John F. Grosh
1852-1853—Lyman S. Carll
1854—William Schultz
1855—B. K. Shryock
1856—William Schultz
1857—A. Q. Allen
1858—Lyman Coffman
1859-1860—Samuel Knodle
1861-1862—George W. Marshall
1863-1864—James M. Webb
1865-1868—Martin T. Rohrer
1869-1870—Frederick B. Brayton
1871—H. H. Clevidence
1872—J. M. Piper
1873-1877—H. H. Clevidence
1878—William H. Miller
1879—Lewis Sprecher
1880—John H. Swingley
1881-1887—William H. Miller
1888—H. H. Clevidence
1889—John H. Miller
1890—Henry Lohafer
1891—Philip T. Sprecher
1892—Daniel B. Keedy
1893—Jonathan Hiestand
1894-1927—William H. Miller
1928-1930—John I. Newcomer
1931-1937—Chas. E. Boston

Township Assessors

1850—M. Garman
1851—William Schultz
1852—Henry Hiestand
1853—Otho Wallace
1854—Samuel Long
1855—A. Q. Allen
1856—George W. Phelps
1857—Daniel Sprecher
1858—Martin T. Rohrer
1859—Elijah Lott
1860—James M. Webb
1861-1862—Michael Garman
1863—Isaac Newcomer
1864-1865—Andrew Newcomer
1866—A. Q. Allen
1867—James M. Webb
1868-1869—William Falkler
1870—Elijah Lott
1871—Abraham Thomas
1872-1875—Francis W. Stonebraker
1876—Martin T. Rohrer
1877—Charles Smith
1878-1880—Abraham Thomas
1881-1884—Charles Smith
1885—William H. McCoy
1886-1889—Charles H. Allen
1890—Alfred C. Middlekauff
1891-1899—Charles H. Allen
1900—S. C. Kinsey
1901-1917—Chas. H. Allen
1918-1923—C. E. Price
1924-1936—Jess H. Smith
1937—Elmer Clapper

Township Collectors

1850-1852—Jonathan Knodle
1853-1854—Alexander Hedrick
1855-1860—Peter Knodle
1861—John McC. Miller
1862-1863—Peter Knodle
1864—James M. Webb
1865-1867—Peter Knodle
1868—John McC. Miller
1869-1871—Peyton Skinner
1872—Henry H. Newcomer
1873—George W. Fouke

1874—John Sharer
1875—Muhlenburg Stroh
1876—Samuel Knodle
1877—Samuel Lookabaugh
1878-1879—Joseph Guynn
1880-1881—A. M. Newcomer
1882—Jonathan Knodle
1883-1884—Benjamin Rine
1885—Charles V. Davis
1886-1887—Leslie S. Hill
1888—James D. Hays
1889—Ira Wingert
1890—Henry L. Smith
1891-1892—William H. Miller
1893—Daniel B. Keedy
1894—C. C. Gimple
1895—Vance C. Miller
1896—C. C. Gimple
1897—S. C. Kinsey
1898-1905—S. J. Hess
1906—S. E. Avey
1907—Vance C. Miller
1908-1916—Lloyd Merryman

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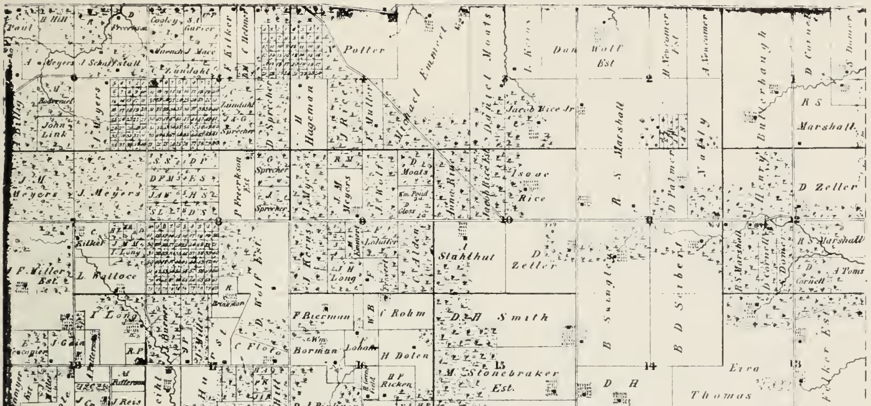
J. Meyers
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Daniel Moats
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Dan Wolf Est
Jacob Rice Jr
R S Marshall
Isaac Rice
D Zeller
F. Miller Est.
L. Wallace
I Long
Stahlhut
D Zeller
F Bierman
C Rohm
D H Smith
Wm. Borman
H Dolen
M. Stonebraker Est.
D. J Pinckney
N. J. Stroh
D H Smith
Ezra Thomas
H. Stover
Stover
Wm. C. Grubb
Chas Smith
F W Stonebraker
David Gloss
John Phelps
John Hitt
J H Myers
Hill Est
N J Stroh
G. Windle
George Sprecher
F Williams
J. Sprecher
B T Hedrick
H A Neff
W S Blake
H Row
C Newcamer
Hitt Est
A. N Newcomer
P Funk
Anna Rine
W S Blair
Melchor Newcomer
Susan E Hitt
D. J. Pinckney
MOUNT MORRIS
Henry Middlekauff
D Rine
Milton
McCoy Est
D Thomas
J Keedy
Glasgow
James Wilson
John Weller
Abner Newcomer
Miller
AQ Allen
H J Farwell
Benjn H Fridly
Mumma
John Fridly Jr
John Fridly

THE ABOVE PLAT of Mount Morris Township which appeared in the Combination Atlas of Ogle County, published in 1872, shows the original claims of many of the settlers who came to this country in the early thirties and forties. Note the large claims of D. J. Pinckney and James B. McCoy just west and south of Mount Morris; also the Hitt estate to the north and the Henry Sharer land to the southeast. Other well-known men who owned farms at that time in the township as shown on this map are F. B. Brayton, Rev. N. J. Stroh, A. Quinby Allen, H. J. Farwell, Benj. H. Fridley, John Fridley, Melchor Newcomer, F. W. Stonebraker, R. S. Marshall and many others. In the extreme southeast corner may be seen the property of John Phelps where the first log cabin was built in 1834.

GEORGE V. FARWELL, son of Henry J. and Mahala (Fouke) Farwell, was born March 18, 1860, at the Farwell homestead south of Mount Morris. He farmed the home farm until he retired and moved to Mount Morris in 1918. He served as supervisor of Mount Morris Township for ten years, was village trustee for one term, and director of School District No. 61 for one term. He is a member of the local Masonic lodge. Mr. Farwell married Cornelia Swingley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swingley, in 1902, and they have one daughter, Louise, who married Geo. E. Wilson. They own a fine home at 309 E. Brayton Road.

Highway Commissioners

1850—Abram Thomas, Jacob Myers, Henry Hiestand
1851—Joel R. Carll, Jacob Turney, Henry Sharer
1852—Joel R. Carll, Jacob Myers, Abram Thomas
1853—George Swingley, Henry Hiestand, Lyman S. Carll
1854—A. Q. Allen, Jacob Coffman, William Falkler
1855—Jacob Coffman, A. Q. Allen, H. J. Farwell
1856—Abram Thomas, Jacob Coffman, Samuel Long
1857—Jacob Coffman, J. B. McCoy, L. S. Carll
1858—Joel R. Carll, Jacob Coffman, Michael Stonebraker
1859—William Rine, Joel R. Carll, Jacob Coffman
1860—Same as year previous
1861—William Rine, Joel R. Carll, B. F. Hedrick
1862—William Rine
1863—Martin T. Rohrer
1864—Jacob Phillips
1865—H. J. Farwell
1866—Reuben Marshall
1867—Jacob Phillips
1868—H. J. Farwell
1869—Reuben Marshall
1870—William Lohafer
1871—Charles Smith
1872—Reuben Marshall
1873—William Lohafer
1874—Charles Smith
1875—W. S. Blake
1876—R. S. Marshall
1877-1878—Jonathan Shafstal
1879—R. S. Marshall
1880—Jacob G. Miller
1881-1882—Jonathan Shafstal
1883—Jacob G. Miller
1884—Jonathan Shafstal
1885—R. S. Marshall
1886—Henry Stahlhut
1887—George V. Farwell
1888—R. S. Marshall
1889—Henry Stahlhut
1890—Christian Zumdahl
1891-1892—R. S. Marshall
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1894—R. S. Marshall
1895—Frank Muller
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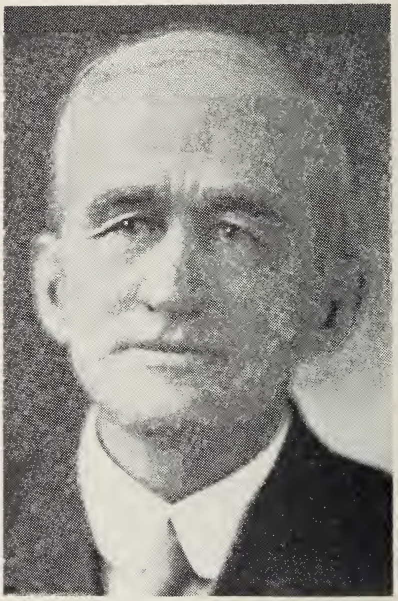
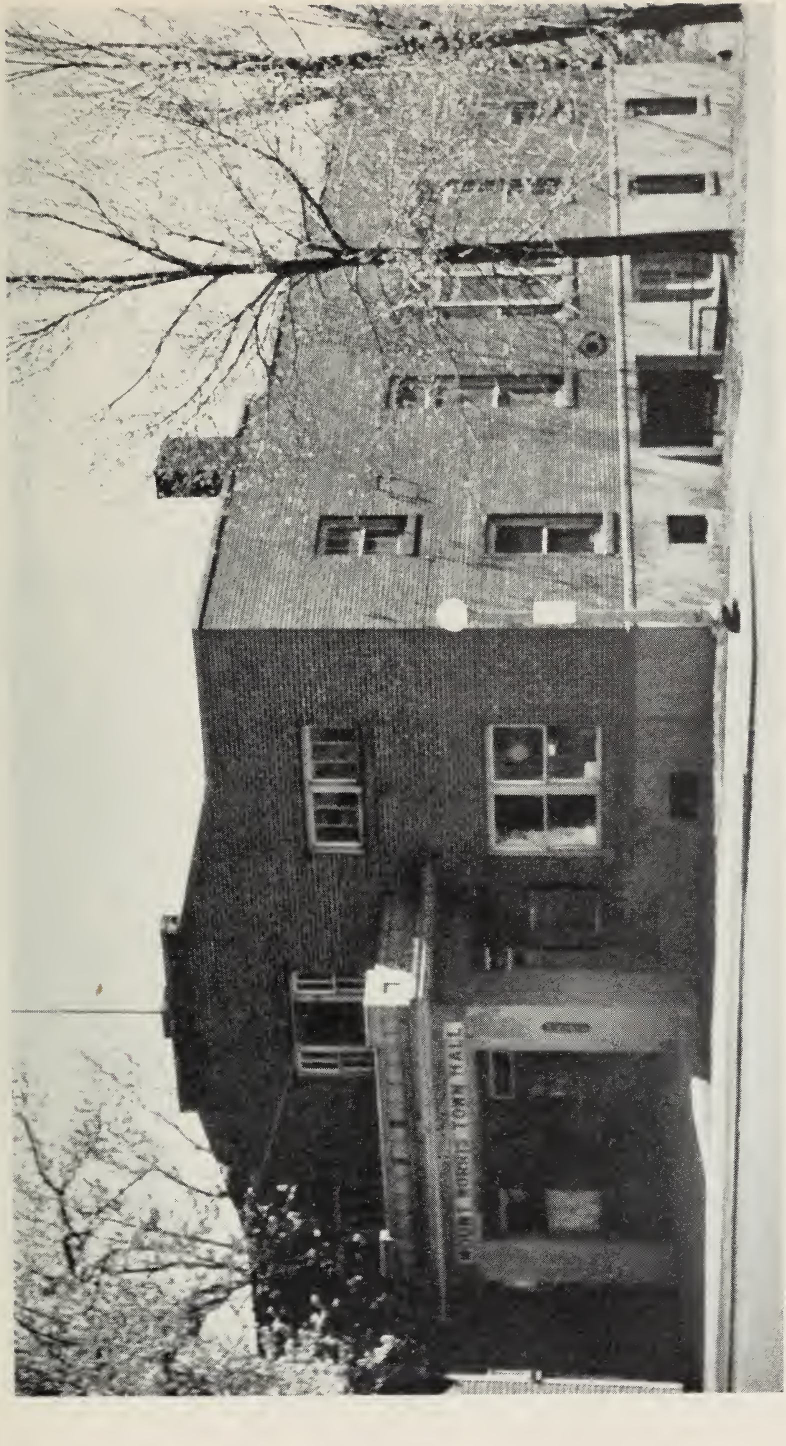
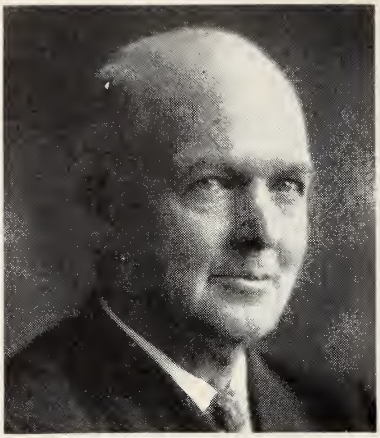
1897—R. S. Marshall
1898—Edward Potter



LEWIS C. SPRECHER served as Supervisor of Mount Morris Township from 1907 to 1918. He was the son of Daniel and Barbara (Coffman) Sprecher, was born near Mount Morris, Jan. 20, 1849, and died May 27, 1928, aged 79 years. He lived his entire life in or near Mount Morris and for many years was active in political, church and business circles of the village. In 1879, he married Ann Lookabaugh, who died in 1907. They had one daughter, Mrs. Edith Rowe.


MOUNT MORRIS TOWN HALL

THE MOUNT MORRIS TOWN HALL was erected by Mount Morris Township in 1917 at a cost of $10,000.00. It occupies the site of the old Startzman Building.



JOHN H. MILLER served as Supervisor of Mount Morris Township from 1919 to 1936. He was the son of Abram and Barbara Miller, and was born on the Miller homestead, three miles northwest of Mount Morris, Dec. 24, 1865. He died in Mount Morris, Dec. 3, 1936, aged nearly 71 years. He engaged in farming for a number of years, operated a livery stable in Mount Morris for a time, and later became a traveling salesman for an implement house. He served one term as president of the village board of trustees and 16 years as Supervisor of Mount Morris Township. In 1890, he married Miss Myrtle Rine, who passed away in August, 1922. There were two children, Mrs. Mabel Boydston and Harold. In 1927 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Sprecher, present manager of the John Sprecher dry goods store.

1899—W. E. McCready
1900—Ira W. Marshall
1901—Eugene Wallace
1902—W. E. McCready
1903—I. W. Marshall
1904—E. E. Potter
1905—W. E. McCready
1906—Noble F. Thomas
1907—E. E. Potter
1908—W. E. McCready
1909—Joseph W. Mayer
1910—E. E. Potter
1911—W. E. McCready
1912—Joseph W. Mayer
1913—E. E. Potter
1914-1921—C. F. Tice
1922-1937—Chas. Swingley

Justices of the Peace

1850-1853—James M. Webb, Henry Little
1854-1857—Benjamin T. Hedrick, James M. Webb
1858-1859—James M. Webb, Charles M. Haller
1860-1861—Joel R. Carll
1862-1865—James M. Webb, Andrew Newcomer
1866-1869—James M. Webb, Andrew Newcomer
1870—Elijah Lott, Andrew Newcomer
1871-1873—Elijah Lott, Daniel Thomas
1874—William Rine
1875-1876—Andrew Newcomer
1877-1880—Peyton Skinner, John Weller
1881-1884—Andrew Newcomer, A. Q. Allen
1885-1888—John Weller, Daniel Fager
1889-1892—John Weller, R. D. McClure
1893-1896—R. D. McClure, H. G. Kauffman
1897-1900—R. D. McClure, Jonathan Hiestand
1901-1914—A. M. Newcomer, Jonathan Hiestand
1915-1917—H. C. Clark, Jonathan Hiestand
1918-1920—J. I. Newcomer, Jonathan Hiestand
1921-1923—H. C. Clark, Amos N. Baker
1924-1929—Harvey Long, Calvin H. Mishler
1930-1932—Harvey Long, E. W. Middour
1933-1937—Robert W. Hough, E. W. Middour

JESSE H. SMITH, supervisor for Mount Morris Township, is the son of Henry L. and Carrie (Knodle) Smith and was born April 6, 1897. He graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1913. He was tax assessor from 1928 to 1937 when he resigned to succeed John H. Miller as supervisor. He enlisted July, 1917, with Company K, 129th Infantry, and was discharged because of physical disqualification. He is a member of the Business Men's League and the local Masonic Lodge. Mr. Smith was married in 1920 to Olive Middlekauff and they have two children, Jean and Donald.

Constables

Note—Judging from the records, the office of constable was filled in a very erratic manner. Some years there were two officers elected; some years, only one, and frequently, none at all. The term of service also varied, being of different lengths until 1881, when it was fixed at four years.

1850—Peter Knodle, Henry Little
1851-1854—Peter Knodle, James Fouke
1855-1856—Peter Knodle, Alex. A. Cook
1857-1858—Lewis Fletcher, William L. Coho
1859-1860—Peter Knodle, William L. Coho
1861—William Bull
1862—Peter Knodle
1863-1865—William Bull, Peter Knodle
1866—William Bull, Peter Knodle
1867-1870—William Bull, Peter Knodle
1871-1872—John Black, A. M. Doward
1873-1875—Franklin W. Black, William Bull
1876—A. W. Little
1877-1879—J. B. McCoy, Samuel Mumma
1880—James B. McCoy
1881-1884—Henry L. Smith, Benj. F. Tracy
1885-1888—Charles Smith, Daniel B. Keedy
1889-1892—Charles Smith, William Domer
1893-1896—Charles Rubsamen, William H. Keedy
1897-1900—George H. Myers, Fred. Long
1901-1904—O. E. Huff, Jonathan Hiestand
1905-1907—A. M. Newcomer, Frank C. Keedy
1908—Wm. H. Domer, Frank C. Keedy
1909—Grant Unger, Frank C. Keedy
1910-1912—Grant Unger, I. N. Potter
1913-1914—William H. Domer, I. N. Potter
1916-1917—William H. Domer, John Rudy
1917-1924—I. N. Potter, C. C. Crowell
1925-1928—I. N. Potter, Wm. Ballard
1929-1932—I. N. Potter, James Rouse
1933-1936—I. N. Potter, W. E. Hill
1937—I. N. Potter, Abe Deacon

School Trustees

1870—Henry Sharer
1871—John E. McCoy
1872—Isaac Rice
1873—Henry Sharer
1874—John E. McCoy
1875-1876—Henry T. Moats
1877—John E. McCoy
1878—Levi Kerns
1879—Henry T. Moats
1880—John E. McCoy
1881—Levi Kerns
1882—John Weller
1883—John E. McCoy
1884—Levi Kerns
1885—W. S. Blake
1886—John E. Tice
1887—Jacob O. Thomas
1888—W. S. Blake
1889—William Stahlhut
1890—Josiah Avey
1891-1892—Jacob O. Thomas
1893—Andrew Gigous
1894—Jacob O. Thomas
1895—C. A. Zumdahl
1896—Andrew Gigous
1897—Oliver Gloss
1898—W. A. Newcomer
1899—Andrew Gigous
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1910—C. A. Zumdahl
1911—Lewis Paul
1912—James H. Stevens
1913—C. A. Zumdahl
1914—George Appel
1915—Lewis Paul
1916—Joseph C. Muller
1917—George Appel
1918—Lewis Paul
1919—Joseph C. Muller
1920—George Appel
1921—Charles Stengel
1922—Joseph C. Muller
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1924—Charles Zumdahl
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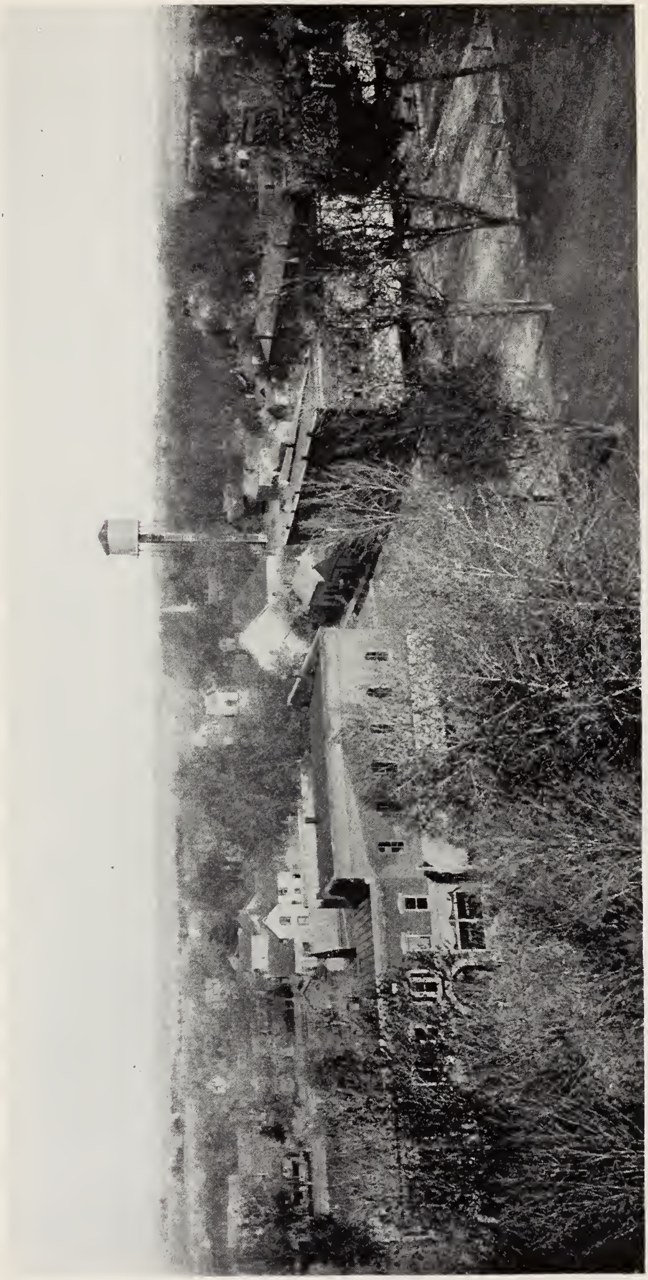


BIRD'S-EYE VIEW of Mount Morris, taken in 1900, looking southeast from College Hall.

Chapter 5

ROCK RIVER SEMINARY

THE name Rock River Seminary is perhaps fading from the memory of the younger generation, but to the older citizens of Mount Morris, and to thousands scattered all over this broad land, the remembrances of that grand old institution of learning will live until they are effaced by the hand of Death. During the most palmy days of the seminary, Mount Morris enjoyed the distinction of being the great literary center of the northwest, and was justly proud of "Old Sandstone," standing so prominently in the center of the dignified little village. In reviewing the progress of this institution, it must be remembered that its pupils were gathered from a very wide extent of territory. There are probably more young men and women now in one-half of Ogle County, who desire and need the advantages of such an institution, than there were then in all northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, and Rock River Seminary was the only institution of the kind then in existence in all this great territory. For this reason, if for no other, the seminary exerted a commanding influence in all this region. It is not strange, therefore, that, during the long term of its existence, the school played a very important part in moulding the destinies of the inhabitants of the comparatively unknown northwest—a part that cannot be told in words, but which is nevertheless written in characters ineffaceable upon the hearts of those who within the walls of "Old Sandstone" received their inspiration to become noble men and women and to be of use in the world, the fruits of whose endeavor eternity alone can reveal.

Rock River Seminary was founded in the year 1839, chiefly by the exertions of a few public-spirited settlers living in the vicinity. These gentlemen were strong advocates of liberal education and had previously instituted and supported a school called the Pine Creek Grammar School, taught by A. Quinby Allen. They conceived the idea of developing this school into an institution of learning of high character; and, after consultation, they decided that the Rev. Thomas S. Hitt should attend the Illinois Conference of the M. E. Church, in session at Jacksonville in 1838, for the purpose of inducing that body to take the Pine Creek Grammar School under its special charge and develop it into an institution of high standing.

Rev. Hitt laid the matter before the Conference, of which Rev. John Clark was Presiding Elder, and urged that body to become directly interested in the little school then just established by the Maryland colonists. The Conference, however, while deeply interested in the cause of education, was inclined to consider such action of doubtful propriety; but, after mature deliberation, appointed a committee to select a suitable location in Northern Illinois for a seminary. That committee was composed of Rev. John Clark, Rev. Leander S. Walker, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt and Rev. P. R. Borien, who were to receive propositions from various places desiring the seminary, and willing to contribute to its foundation and support. Propositions were received from Joliet, Chicago, Roscoe, Kishwaukee and the Maryland Colony. Roscoe and Kishwaukee, then prosperous cities, now nearly forgotten, were, with the Maryland Colony, the principal competitors.

When Mr. Hitt returned with this proposition, a few large-hearted far-seeing and public-spirited settlers living in the vicinity—Samuel M. Hitt, John Wallace, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, Capt.

Nathaniel Swingley, Martin Reynolds, C. B. Artz, David Warden, and two or three others—determined to secure the location for the "Maryland Colony." Numerous consultations were held, a general line of action agreed upon, and each pledged a liberal contribution—so liberal that when the fact that they had hardly had time since their arrival to secure comfortable dwellings for their families, their enthusiasm appears indeed astonishing. Eight thousand dollars and 480 acres of land were pledged, a heavy burden to be boldly assumed on behalf of the rising and future generations by a little handful of men in a new country, where money was scarce and laborers few.

In the spring of 1839, the committee visited all the locations from which propositions had been received, closing their tour with the Maryland Colony, where they arrived about the 1st of May. May 3, 1839, the members visited Mr. Allen's school and after witnessing the exercises, requested the school to retire that they might have the room for consultation. It is needless to add that the teachers and pupils did not go far, but gathered in groups around the building where they could hear the discussions within. Several of the citizens, in their anxiety for the result, also lingered near. The discussions were animated. Some of the members favored Kishwaukee, others Roscoe, and the session was protracted far into the night. But at last the chairman threw his influence in favor of the "Maryland Colony," and this settled the question. The anxious listeners outside gave vent to their feelings by throwing up their hats and making the "welkin ring" with their joyous hurrahs.

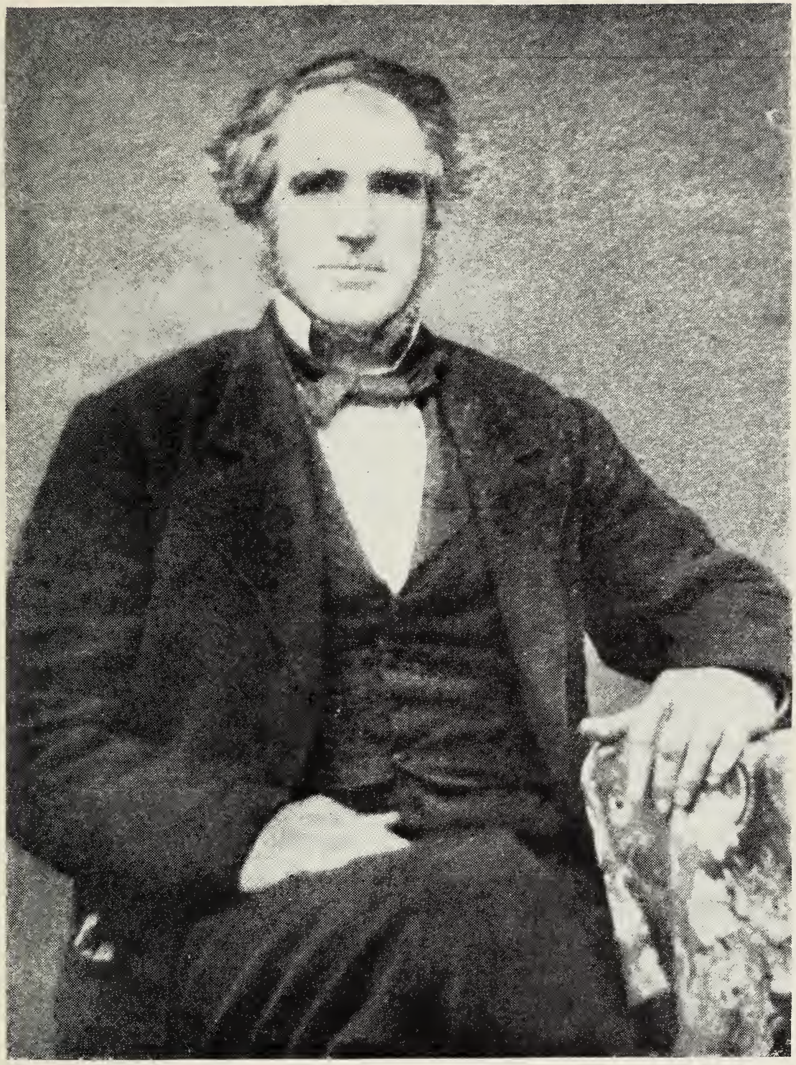
The next day, May 4, 1839, the committee proceeded to select a site for the future seminary, which was destined to exercise such an important influence in Northern Illinois, and "drove the stake" on the summit into which the grandly rolling prairie crested, where the committee had a commanding view of a large extent of country of almost marvelous beauty, dotted on every side with near approaching groves.

No time was lost. The energetic founders of the institute held a meeting at once, and selected a building committee consisting of Messrs. Samuel M. Hitt, Nathaniel Swingley and C. B. Artz. This committee received plans and proposals from James B. McCoy and Elias Etnyre. That of Mr. McCoy was accepted, and the contract was awarded to him for $18,000.00.

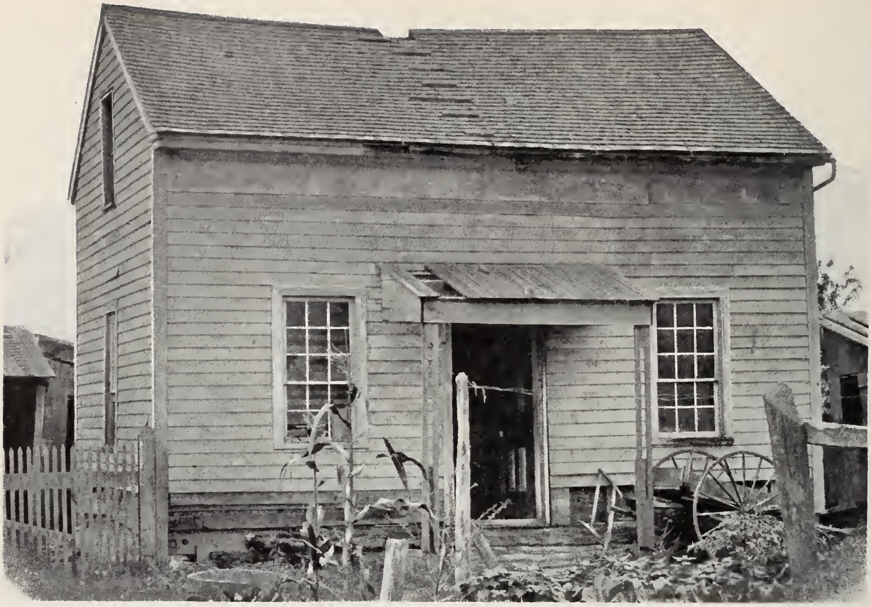
Work was commenced at once and pushed with such energy that arrangements were made to lay the cornerstone on the 4th day of July following, with appropriate ceremonies. On the day appointed, the basement walls were partly laid, and at the southwest angle the walls had been raised sufficiently high to support the corner-stone. The people collected from far and near, for it was an occasion of intense interest to them. It was estimated that there were over five hundred people present, which was an immense throng for such a thinly-populated country. For the pupils of that little pioneer "grammar" school, it was a glorious gala day, and "dress parade" is no adequate appellation to designate their appearance, marshaled in double file, in front of that old log schoolhouse, with their teacher at their head and provided with a banner, bearing upon one side the words "United We Stand, Divided We Fall," and upon the other "Science and Virtue." The wild delight of their young hearts leaped forth from their sparkling eyes, and their very feet kept willing time to the music of the hour, as they marched with proud and elastic step to the beautiful spot where the cornerstone of a magnificent temple of instruction for their benefit was to be laid.

In the receptacle prepared for the purpose were deposited copies of all the Methodist papers and periodicals of the day, a sample of the silver coin of the United States, a full history of the enterprise to that date, with the names of the building committee, enclosed in a glass bottle and hermetically sealed.

The cornerstone was laid and the oration pronounced by Rev. Thomas S. Hitt. The half dozen families then residing within a radius of five or six miles had spread tables on the grounds east of the building, bountifully supplied, and here, at the close of the services, they fed the multitude. The occa-



JAMES B. McCOY was the builder of the original "Old Sandstone." He was awarded the contract for $18,000, and started the work in the spring of 1839, when there was not a single building within the present limits of Mount Morris. Mr. McCoy was born Aug. 14, 1810, in Washington County, Md., and came here in 1838. Later he married Elizabeth Ankney, a widow lady who came with the first colony from Washington County, Md., in 1837. He was a large man and they raised a family of five sons, all of whom were more than six feet tall. Their names were John E., James B., Archibald S., William H. and Allen J. Mr. McCoy died Jan. 14, 1871, at the age of 62 years.



THIS is the first house actually built within the present corporate limits of Mount Morris. It was erected in 1839 by James B. McCoy in which to house and feed his carpenters while building the first seminary building on what was selected as the site of Rock River Seminary. In 1841, this frame building was moved to the southeast part of town where it was used for many years as a residence by William Fouke. Later it was used as a barn and was torn down in 1921.

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sion marked a new era in the history of the pioneer settlement of the Northwest, and the day was long to be remembered.

During the summer and fall of 1839, a portion of the prairie around the building in process of erection was surveyed and platted by D. Fletcher Hitt, and the embryo town was named Mount Morris. The *Rock River Register*, in 1842, stated that the town was named in honor of Bishop Robert Morris of the Methodist Church.

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Nov. 18, 1839, at which Rev. John Clark, Rev. B. Weed, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, John Wallace, Horace Miller, C. B. Artz, Dr. J. J. Beatty, Capt. Nathaniel Swingley and S. M. Bowman were present. Rev. John Clark was elected president; Rev. B. Weed, vice-president; Rev. Samuel M. Hitt, treasurer; S. M. Bowman, secretary; and Grant Goodrich, George D. H. Wilcoxon and James Johnson were elected members of the board.

At this meeting, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, who had been appointed agent of the institution, and who was its agent for a long time afterward, and to whom was largely entrusted the management of its affairs, reported the amount of contributions that had been pledged, and was authorized to raise money upon the sale of scholarships as follows: For one year, $25; for two years, $50; for four years, $100; perpetual, $500. In conjunction with the building committee, he was authorized to negotiate a loan of $4,000, and clothed with power to call future meetings of the trustees. In an historical sketch of this institution, written later by Robert R. Hitt, it was remarked, "The facility with which this institution glided into debt was a marked characteristic in its history."

At this November meeting, it was resolved to apply to the next Legislature for an act of incorporation, and a committee, consisting of Rev. John Clark, Hon. Thomas Ford and C. B. Artz, was appointed to draft a charter to be submitted to the General Assembly of Illinois.

Another committee, consisting of Revs. John Clark, B. Weed, Thomas S. Hitt, James J. Beatty and Horace Miller, was appointed to employ a principal and teachers.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Oregon, Jan. 27, 1840, at which John Clark, Thomas S. Hitt, C. B. Artz, Nathaniel Swingley, M. Reynolds, John Wallace, Thomas Ford and Horace Miller were present. At this meeting, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a circular be drafted and addressed to the several presiding elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the northern part of Illinois, and the Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, setting forth the present condition and ultimate design of the Rock River Seminary, and earnestly requesting them to use their influence with the several traveling and local preachers and others in their respective districts to take up, as soon as practicable, collections in small sums from all individuals who may be willing to contribute to the erection of said Seminary."

In anticipation of the opening of the school, it was ordered that the price of board of students under 15 years of age should be $1.50 per week; over that age $1.75. The rates of tuition were also established, and it was agreed that John Wallace should act as steward of the Seminary. The efforts to raise money were energetically continued through the winter of 1839-40, with considerable success, and the originators of this bold scheme to establish a seminary in the wilderness began to feel confident of success.

At an adjourned meeting of the board, May 30, 1840, the committee reported the engagement of Prof. Joseph N. Waggoner, of the Genesee (N.Y.) Wesleyan Seminary, and an arrangement was made with him to allow him $30 for his traveling expenses to this county, and $20 per month for his services as teacher, for three months, from June 1.

The seminary building was not ready for occupation on the 1st of June, and Mr. Waggoner taught school during the summer in the log school house, where Mr. A. Q. Allen had first wielded the birch.

The annual session of the Rockford Conference was appointed at Mount Morris, in the fall of 1840. It was expected that the Seminary building would be so far completed that the meeting could be accommodated beneath its roof. But in this the people were disappointed; the plastering was not done, and they held a camp-meeting in the grove, about two miles northwest of the unfinished edifice.

At the session of the Rock River Conference, at Mount Morris, Sept. 2, 1840, the following Board of Trustees for Rock River Seminary was appointed: John Clark, Samuel M. Hitt, John H. Rountree, J. B. Crist, Anthony Pitzer, Nathaniel Swingley, Leander S. Walker, James Mitchell, John Sinclair, C. Burr Artz, Thomas Ford, Bartholomew Weed, Thomas S. Hitt and James J. Beatty, and on the evening of the same day the new Board organized by the choice of John Clark, president, and Thomas S. Hitt, secretary.

October 2, 1840, Rev. John Sharp was appointed steward; T. S. Hitt, John Wallace, Anthony Pitzer and John Sharp were appointed an executive committee. Thomas S. Hitt was appointed to make a final settlement with Mr. McCoy. Prof. Waggoner's wages were continued as first agreed upon until the commencement of the first term, when his salary was to be fixed at $300 a year.

The first term of the Rock River Seminary commenced on the first Friday in November, 1840, and continued twenty-two weeks, with a goodly number of students when the fact is remembered that the country was very sparsely settled. The first board of instruction consisted of Prof. Joseph N. Waggoner, principal and professor of languages; Rev. Lyman Catlin, professor of mathematics; and Miss Cornelia N. Russell, preceptress.

The second term commenced the first Friday in May, 1841, with the same board of instruction and a primary department in charge of Mrs. Fanny Russell. This was the town school, under the charge of the Seminary, and of course increased the number of students. The primary department was discontinued in 1843.

December 29, 1840, the following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That lots be donated to applicants applying until the 1st of June next, who shall build a house of stone, brick or frame not less than 16 x 24 feet, 1½ stories high, to be fit for occupancy by the 1st of January, 1842, or sooner. Resolved, That all lots in the town of Mount Morris be deeded with the proviso that houses of ill fame, gambling and retailing of ardent spirits be prohibited."

January 3, 1841, the Seminary was formally dedicated, the address on the interesting occasion being delivered by Samuel N. Samples, a lawyer of Oregon.

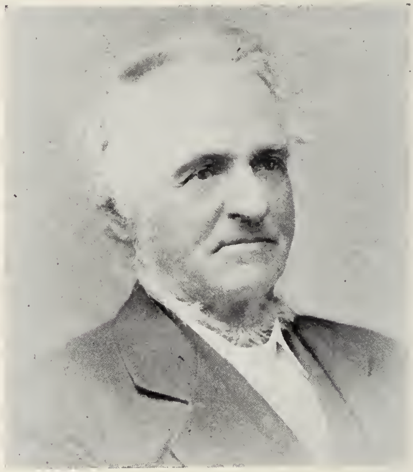
Rev. Luke Hitchcock was appointed as an additional special agent to assist Mr. Hitt, whose health had become impaired.

By act of the General Assembly of Illinois, approved Feb. 18, 1841, the Rock River Seminary was incorporated. The corporators named in the act were John Clark, Leander S. Walker, Thomas S. Hitt, Jacob B. Crist, C. Burr Artz, Samuel M. Hitt, John Wallace, Nathaniel Swingley, Anthony Pitzer and James J. Beatty. The number of trustees was not to exceed twelve, exclusive of the principal, or presiding officer of the Seminary, who was made, ex-officio, a member of the Board.

At a special meeting of the corporation, April 29, 1841, the charter was unanimously accepted; and on the 6th of May, J. Clark was elected chairman; T. S. Hitt, secretary; and A. Pitzer, treasurer.

Mr. Catlin, who remained in the institution several years, was a good teacher, Miss Cornelia N. Russell was an accomplished teacher, and a lady whose sweetness of character and skill as a teacher was never forgotten by the hundreds of students who attended during her term of service. Prof. Waggoner proved himself to be an able and faithful instructor. In later years he became a prosperous bookseller at Galena.

April 8, 1842, Rev. Daniel J. Pinckney was elected principal of the Seminary. He was, when elected, a professor in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary (N.Y.). Prof. Pinckney arrived at Chicago on the 5th of August, 1842, where the Rock River Conference was in session, and at Mount Morris the Saturday night following. The next day, Sabbath, he addressed the people. Upon his arrival, he found the institution heavily burdened with debt (over $16,000), the building unfinished, and only sixteen students in attendance. From that time until the commencement of the fall and winter term in November, he traveled extensively and lectured in the principal towns of northern Illinois and Wisconsin in the interest of the institution and for securing students. The fall term opened with one hundred and fifty students, and from that time onward it was successful in its literary and scientific departments, but, for reasons already shown, was much embarrased finan-



PROF. DANIEL J. PINCKNEY came to Mount Morris in August, 1842, to assume the duties of principal of Rock River Seminary, which position he held for about thirteen years. Later on, Prof. Pinckney became the editor of the Mount Morris Gazette and also of the Mount Morris Independent, two early newspapers, and he was also connected with several mercantile enterprises. Prof. Pinckney, before coming to Mount Morris, was a teacher in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, a Methodist institution of Lima, N.Y. He established his home west of Mount Morris on what was later known as the Lohafer farm. He married Margaret C. Hitt, daughter of Samuel M. Hitt. Prof. Pinckney died in 1888 and Mrs. Pinckney in 1905. They are buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

cially. There seems to have been no lack of students, the great difficulty being the want of sufficient accommodations for those who desired to attend. During his administration, a large number of young men received their education at this institution, remaining several years after they entered, until they graduated.

In March, 1845, in consequence of ill health, Prof. Pinckney left the institution temporarily in charge of Prof. S. R. Thorpe, his able and efficient assistant, for the remainder of the term. At the end of that term Prof. Pinckney and P. Judson, secretary of the board, were appointed to secure the services of Dr. J. C. Finley, formerly of McKendree College, who became principal and remained in charge about a year, when Prof. Pinckney again resumed the position.

In 1847, Prof. Pinckney was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and, during his absence, left Prof. Fellows in charge of the Seminary.

August 21, 1847, Rev. Carmi C. Olds was elected principal of the Seminary, who continued until March 6, 1850, when he tendered his resignation, and Prof. S. M. Fellows was elected acting principal for the balance of the term. May 7, 1850, Prof. Pinckney, J. J. Beatty and Enoch Wood were appointed a committee to make arrangements in regard to the formation of a new faculty.

June 26, 1850, Prof. D. J. Pinckney was again elected principal; but as he could not take full charge of the Seminary until the commencement of the winter term of 1850-51, on the 29th of July, Prof. S. M. Fellows was appointed acting principal for the fall term of 1850.

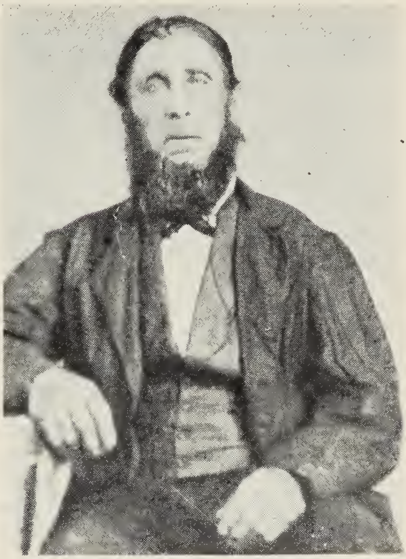
The old Seminary building was no longer large enough to accommodate the large number of students who flocked to this institution, which had become the leading literary institution of Northern Illinois, and it was necessary to enlarge it or erect a new one. At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, September 9, 1850, action was taken, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, that we advertise in the *Mount Morris Gazette* to receive proposals for stone and brick work, and other materials, for the walls of a new Seminary building, forty by one hundred and twenty feet, four stories high, until the 1st of October, 1850.

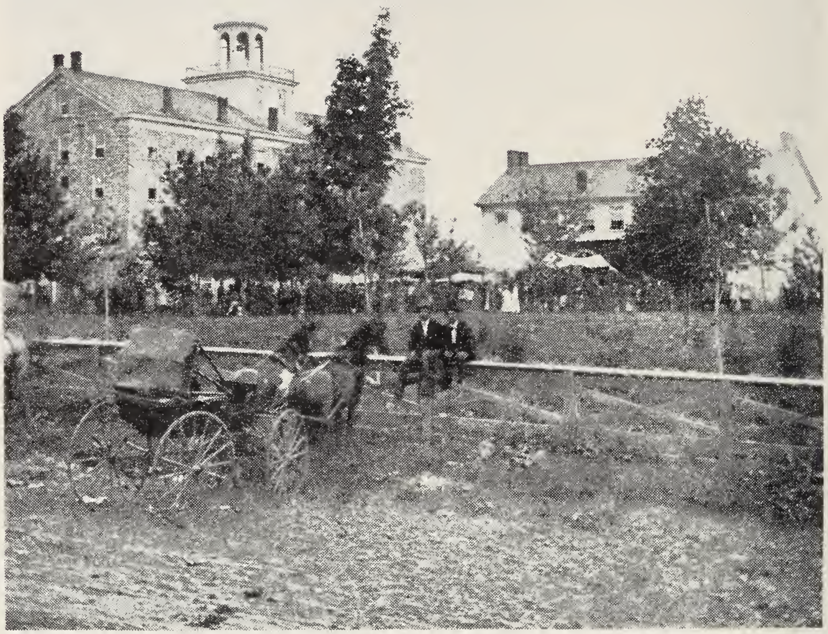
Prof. D. J. Pinckney, Enoch Wood and A. C. Marsten were appointed a committee to make a plan of the building.

May 12, 1851, the executive committee was authorized to close a contract with Jacob Myers for the erection of the walls of the new Seminary building, and work was commenced soon afterward.

June 7, 1851, the scholarship system was adopted for the purpose of endowing the Rock River Seminary. The



JACOB M. MYERS was the contractor who built the four-story stone building now known as "Old Sandstone." The building was started in 1853 but was not completed until 1855 because of a lack of funds. Mr. Myers was assisted with the mason work by his brother, Jonathan Myers. Daniel Fager, son-in-law of Jacob Myers, made the "hoist jack" which was used to hoist the stone and mortar for the building. The stone used for the building was quarried at Pine Creek. Mr. Myers came to Ogle County in the spring of 1837 from Boonsboro, Md., with his wife and five children, and settled at West Grove, west of Mount Morris. Besides "Old Sandstone," he also built the original Pine Creek mill in 1845, and the little stone church at West Grove. Mr. Myers was born in Berks County, Pa., April 18, 1799, and died at West Grove, Aug. 26, 1877. His wife, who was Elizabeth Gloss, died April 6, 1877.



THIS PICTURE of Rock River Seminary was taken about the year 1857, on the occasion of some kind of a celebration, as indicated by the large crowd gathered in front of the buildings. Note the fence which enclosed the campus at that time. The building on the right was the original building erected in 1839, and was torn down many years ago, to make room for a girls' dormitory.

scholarships were to be made perpetual, and sold for $60. Messrs. Pinckney, Crews and Wood were appointed a committee to draft a plan for issuing them, and make the necessary preparations for doing so.

March 1, 1852, it was ordered that the "Botanical Garden, containing thirteen and a half acres, be surveyed, divided into forty-eight lots, and recorded as an addition to the town of Mount Morris."

December 30, 1852, the trustees resolved to apply to the Legislature for an act of incorporation as a university; appointed Messrs. Pinckney, Fellows and Little to draft a charter, and requested Mr. Pinckney to go to Springfield in the interest of the movement, which he did, and secured the passage of an amendment conferring university privileges upon the institution.

In January, 1853, Mr. Pinckney resigned as principal, and Prof. George L. Little was elected. He was succeeded by Prof. Spencer S. Matteson, at the commencement of the fall term, who died in November, 1853; and Prof. Pinckney again assumed active control of the school.

The records of the Board of Trustees thus far do not indicate the progress of the new building, but it had been progressing, for on the 28th of June, 1854, it was estimated that $6,000 would be sufficient to complete it, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that we raise twelve thousand dollars on well secured pledges, to be appropriated to the payment of the debts of the R. R. Seminary, and to the finishing and furnishing of the new building. Provided the said sum of twelve thousand dollars shall be thus pledged and secured by the 20th day of September next."

In June, 1855, Prof. Pinckney resigned, and his active connection with the institution ceased. For more than thirteen years he had devoted his time, energies and money to advance the prosperity and usefulness of Rock River Seminary, and had been its principal most of the time during that period.

During Prof. Pinckney's long and successful administration the Seminary exerted a powerful influence in moulding the destinies of the comparatively unknown Northwest, which will continue to be felt through all coming generations. It is stated he never expelled a student from the institution, and he enjoyed to a remarkable degree the respect, confidence and affection of his pupils, and the esteem of his associates. Although he was no longer connected with the Seminary as its principal, he remained a member of the Board of Trustees until 1858.

Prof. Pinckney was succeeded as principal by Prof. W. T. Harlow, who was elected in June, 1855, and soon after, the school was opened in the new building.

June 25, 1858, an arrangement was made with Profs. Harlow and Pope to take the educational and boarding departments on their own responsibility, employing and paying their assistants, they to return the buildings at the end of the year, in good condition.

June 23, 1859, the executive committee was authorized to "confer and negotiate with any stock company that may be formed, for the purpose of purchasing and running the Seminary as a stock concern." On the same day, the contract with Messrs. Harlow and Pope was renewed for another year.

June 28, 1860, the Board resolved to "let Profs. W. T. Harlow and W. S. Pope have the institution on the same terms for the coming year as they have had it in the past."

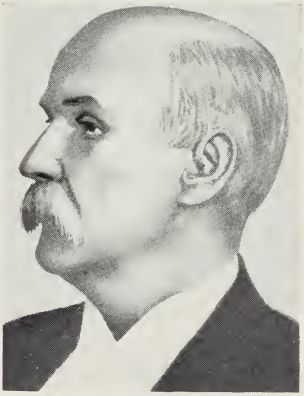
June 28, 1865, Prof. Harlow resigned as principal, and Profs. John Williamson and O. F. Matteson were elected associate principals.

October, 1867, Rev. J. M. Caldwell was elected principal for one year, and he was re-elected in 1868, upon condition that he employ and pay his associates.

June 23, 1869, the entire faculty having resigned, Prof. Brush, of "Upper Iowa University," was elected principal, "he to select his own assistants," but did not accept the position and on the 22nd of July, Rev. R. H. Wilkinson was elected, who served until June, 1870, when he resigned; and on the 28th of September following, a contract was made with Rev. S. H. Adams to "run the Seminary according to the provisions of the charter; and to have all the revenues from the same," until said revenue reaches the sum of $4,000, with elaborate provisions for the disposition of any surplus that might accrue in excess of that amount. June 21, 1871, John Williamson and Sarah H. Stevenson were requested to assume control of the institution, but it does not appear that they complied. The school was suspended and no further meetings of the Board are recorded until May 7, 1873, when the following resolution was adopted:

> Resolved, That the executive committee be authorized to make, in connection with R. R. Hitt, such arrangements with Wm. Harrison or some other person or parties, as will "secure the opening of the school and running the same, without incurring expense or liability to the Trustees."

At this meeting there were present F. G. Petrie, M. T. Ellingwood, H. J.



PROF. JOHN WILLIAMSON, together with Prof. O. F. Matteson, were associate principals of Rock River Seminary from 1865 to 1868, following the regime of Prof. W. T. Harlow.

Farwell, W. H. Atchison, A. Newcomer and F. B. Brayton.

September 16, 1873, the executive committee reported that "they, together with R. R. Hitt, had secured the services of N. C. Dougherty, as principal, together with a full and competent faculty, under whose management the school had been opened with the most satisfactory results," and recommended that they be elected and confirmed.

Accordingly Prof. N. C. Dougherty was elected principal; R. Arthur Edwards, professor of Latin and Greek; Miss Lottie M. Smith, preceptress; Miss Maria Hitt, teacher of music.

In 1878, the Board of Trustees consisted of F. G. Petrie, president; Frederick B. Brayton, secretary; Hon. Robert R. Hitt, N. C. Dougherty, (ex officio), Andrew Newcomer, Rev. Richard Edwards, Rev. W. H. Tibbals, Rev. W. A. Burns, B. F. Sheets, Capt. John W. Hitt, Chas. Newcomer, Isaac Rice and Jackson Farwell.

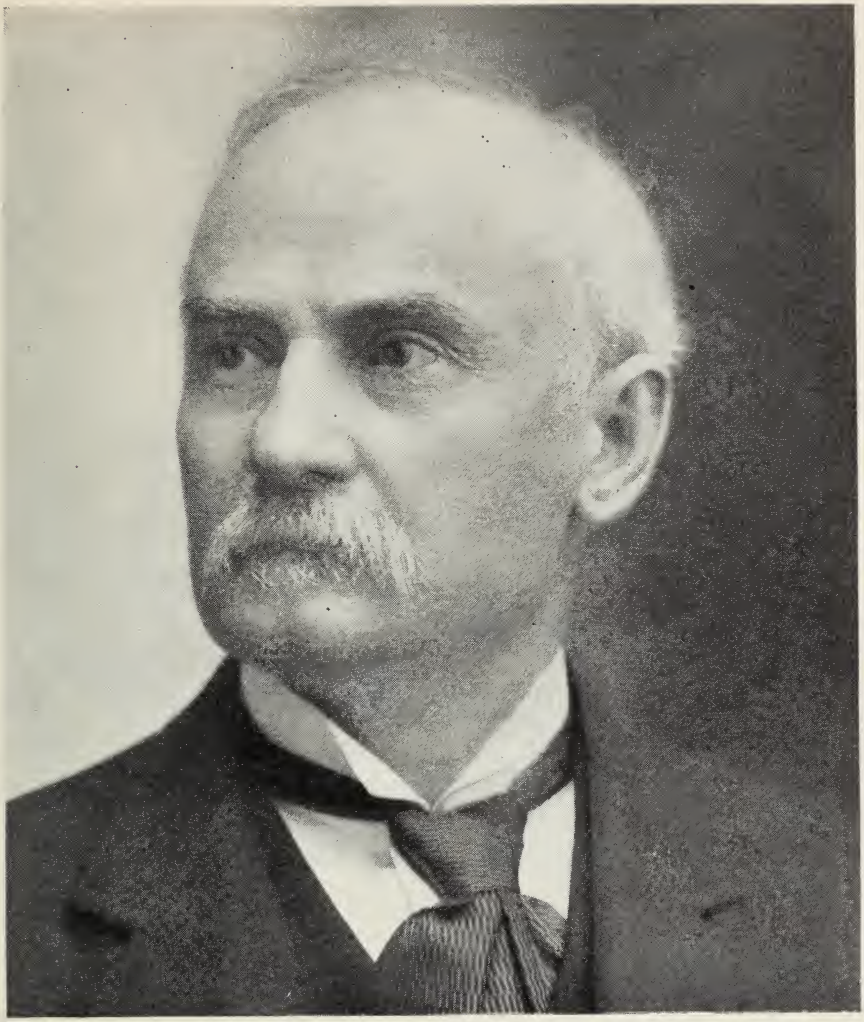
The faculty consisted of Newton C. Dougherty, principal; Richard A. Edwards, instructor in Latin and Greek; John H. Parr, instructor in natural science and mathematics; Florence Farnsworth, instructor in reading and grammar; Edward L. Wells, instructor in the science and art of teaching; Florence Brayton, instructor in instrumental music; Lillian D. Brayton, instructor in penciling and painting.

Toward the close of the principalship of Prof. Dougherty, the seminary bore the appearance of prosperity, but an expensive faculty was too much of a burden upon the financial resources of the institution, and the school finally closed down in 1878 for that reason. Then, too, the Methodists had established at Evanston a much larger and better-equipped school known as the Northwestern University, which encroached very seriously upon the territory from which the seminary had drawn her students. The heavy mortgage upon the property of the seminary finally ended the administration of the Methodists. To satisfy the creditors the property was sold, Hon. R. R. Hitt being the purchaser. Mr. Hitt kept the seminary property in his possession for some time, but finally disposed of the two old buildings and campus to Elder Melchor Newcomer for the sum of six thousand dollars. The two blocks west of the present campus, now known as the Seminary Addition, Mr. Hitt had platted and sold in lots.

Thus ended the career of the renowned and time-honored Rock River Seminary, after a checkered but influential life of forty years.

The following extract from a historical sketch, contained in the catalog of the Institution for 1874 was written by Robert R. Hitt:

"The country was then very sparsely settled—a wide region of far-sweeping prairies, with winding strips of woodland following the course of the streams —the few people scattered here and there were mostly persons with narrow means, working diligently to open farms, living in small, inconvenient, temporary houses, with the pressure of necessity—clothing, food, the improvement of land, their stock and crops—to divert their attention from the future value of education to their sons and daughters. They generally possessed more individual energy and force of character than is found in the average citizen nowadays, and responded readily to the appeals of the agents of the Seminary and the enthusiastic Methodist circuit riders, who entered upon this cause as heartily as they do upon every other good thing. The students who came were, many of them, crude and awkward beginners; a few were advanced by previous advantages in the east, but they were generally of good families, and their education in the school was preceded and supplemented by home and social education, rendering it ten-fold more valuable. They grew up with the spirit of the period upon them, the energy characteristic of a new country, and, as a result, there is a surprising proportion of those whose names occur as students in the catalog of those days who have risen to distinction as clergymen, lawyers, merchants, politicians, editors, influential and substantial citizens, or accomplished, useful and honored women. Among those who appeared in the first catalog were Dr. Augustus H. Ankeny,



CONGRESSMAN ROBERT R. HITT was probably the most distinguished citizen that Mount Morris ever produced. His father was Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, a Methodist minister, who brought his family to Mount Morris in the fall of 1837. Robert, the second son, was born at Urbana, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1834, and was therefore only three years of age when he arrived here. He received his first learning under A. Quinby Allen in a private school. He attended Rock River Seminary in Mount Morris, and later graduated from Asbury Academy, Greencastle, Ind., in 1855.

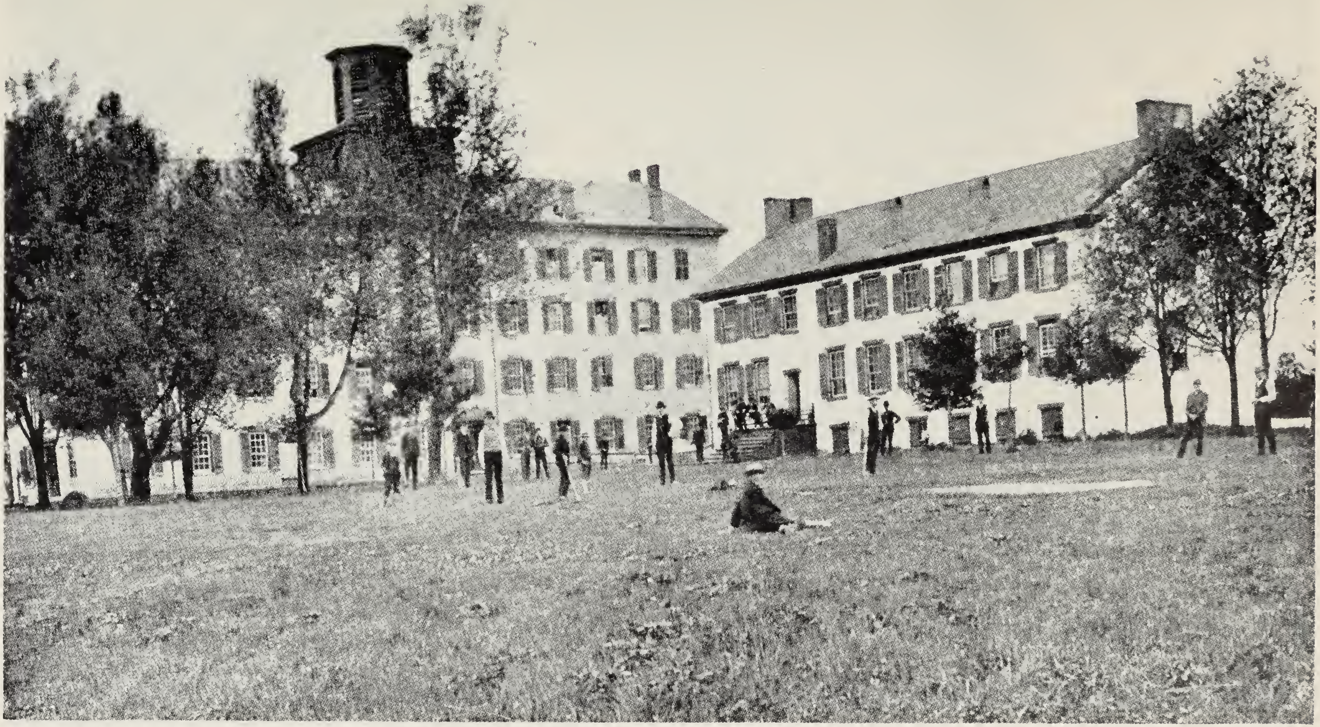
He began his career as a law reporter and newspaper writer in Chicago in 1857. He became an adept shorthand reporter and reported the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate in 1858. In 1868, he made an extensive tour of Europe and eastern countries. In 1873, when Rock River Seminary was in financial trouble, he purchased the property and gave financial support. Later he sold it to Melchor Newcomer and it became a Dunkard institution. In 1874, he was appointed by Pres. Grant to be first secretary of the American Legation at Paris. Under Pres. Garfield, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State, under Secretary Blaine. In 1882, he was nominated by the Republicans for Representative in Congress from this district and was elected in the fall election by a large majority over his Democratic opponent, J. S. Ticknor. He took his seat in December, 1882, and was continuously elected thereafter until his death in 1906. For a number of years he was chairman of the important committee on Foreign Affairs.

In 1874, Mr. Hitt married Miss Sallie Reynolds of Lafayette, Ind., and they had two sons, Robert Reynolds and Wm. Floyd. He passed away Sept. 20, 1906, at the age of 72 years, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Hitt is still living in Washington later a leading and wealthy citizen of Clinton, Iowa; T. C. Ankeny, of Viroqua, editor of the *Wisconsin Independent;* Rev. Jno. Emery Clark, a well-known Methodist educator; John B. Cheney, afterward a brilliant lawyer; Albert Deere, the manufacturer of the Deere plow, at Moline; Prof. S. M. Fellows, long a teacher here, a man of great worth and thorough scholarship; Richard N. Hamilton, of Chicago; James C. T. Phelps, William J. Mix of Oregon; Rev. Wm. R. Irvine, Hon. James D. Turner, Gen. W. H. L. Wallace, afterward a prominent lawyer, a soldier of distinction in the Mexican war, and in the Civil War rising to the rank of a General officer, fell gallantly fighting at Shiloh; Gen. M. R. M. Wallace, brother of the preceding, who became Judge of the Cook County Court; Capt. John F. Wallace, another brother, who served in the army and died at Galveston, Texas. Among the ladies, Margaret C. Hitt, wife of Hon. D. J. Pinckney; Helen M. Judson, wife of Gov. Jno. L. Beveridge; Elizabeth Reynolds, wife of Hon. L. P. Sanger. Scores of others, equally well known and honored, might be mentioned from the 156 names in the first catalog."

Since the writing of the foregoing in 1874, some of the persons mentioned advanced to still more prominent positions. In addition to those already mentioned must also be added the former member of Congress from this District, Hon. Robert R. Hitt; John W. Hitt, for many years a prominent citizen of Mount Morris; Robert S. Hitt, of Chicago; Dr. Benj. G. Stephens, who died in Mount Morris many years ago; Almira M. Robertson, later Mrs. A. M. Bacon of Oregon; Ann E. Swingley, later Mrs. J. C. Phelps of Oregon; John Hitt, Deputy Collector of Customs at Chicago over thirty years; James Martin, afterwards a professor in the institution, and later principal of a seminary near Sacramento, Cal. During later years when Prof. Pinckney was principal, a great many other prominent men attended the seminary, among whom were Gen. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War under President Grant; Gov. John L. Beveridge; Senator Shelby M. Cullom; Hon. G. L. Fort, member of Congress; Hon. James H. Beveridge, ex-State Treasurer; Hon. Henry L. Magoon, at one time member of Congress from Wisconsin; Rev. Dr. Fowler, editor of the *Christian Advocate and Journal,* New York; Daniel H. Wheeler, afterward professor at Cornell College and Northwestern University at Evanston, and later editor of the *Methodist* at New York; Hon. Moses Hallett, afterward United States Judge in Colorado; John V. Farwell, a partner in one of the largest wholesale dry-goods houses in Chicago; Congressman George W. Curtis, of Iowa; James H. Cartwright, Chief Justice of Illinois; John P. Hand, Justice Supreme Court of Illinois; Judge Theodore D. Murphy, Woodstock, Illinois; Judge Edmund W. Burke, Chicago; Judge Lucien C. Blanchard, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Judge Reuben C. Bassett, Seneca, Kansas; Gen. Smith D. Atkins, Freeport, Illinois; Prof. Fernando Sanford, Leland Stanford University, California; and many others who achieved success, but cannot readily be traced.

STUDENTS REUNION OF 1886

IN December, 1885, after the institution had been under the control of the Brethren for several years, a number of the citizens of Mount Morris, who still harbored a warm affection in their hearts for the old school, conceived the idea of having a reunion of the alumni of the seminary, together with all those who attended from its origin in 1839 to the close in 1879. The plan received enthusiastic support, and the reunion, which occurred in June, 1886, was a great success. The first move toward the carrying out of the project was the calling of a meeting in February, which resulted in the appointment of the following officers: Hon. R. R. Hitt, president; A. W. Brayton, treasurer; Dr. W. T. Speaker, secretary. As many names and addresses of old students and teachers were obtained as possible, and a circular issued, requesting names and addresses of others. This circular was sent to about three hundred persons, and from this small nucleus the whereabouts of more than sixteen hundred of "Old Sandstone's" graduates and students were learned.



THE BUILDINGS of Rock River Seminary as they appeared in the seventies. The building at the right was the first permanent structure erected in Mount Morris and was built in 1839 by James B. McCoy. The stone building on the left was built in 1853 by Jacob M. Myers.

From north and south, east and west, came letters conveying the names and addresses of farmers, merchants, clergymen, governors, senators, legislators, judges, bishops, poets, and men and women occupying the most prominent and enviable positions in life. Also missives from across the briny deep told in tender and loving words of the deep regrets, and the longings to be present with that noble band of boys and girls, students of "Old Rock River Seminary." From the flattering results obtained from the first circular, committees were appointed to carry forward the completion of, and arrange dates for, the grand reunion. The twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of June and the first day of July, 1886, were the days selected for the occasion, with a program filled with many rare treats.

Not less than 7,500 students went out into the world from the shades of "Old Sandstone" since its foundation. Out of this number, 365 names were enrolled on the secretary's book at the reunion, and their owners answered "present" at the "roll-call" during "chapel exercises." Mount Morris gave the visitors a royal welcome. Wesley Street was gaily decorated with evergreens and flags, and the "Welcome," in huge letters, stretched entirely across the street, showing due appreciation of the event. A large flag was also stretched above the stile at the east entrance of the college campus. In the southeast corner of the beautiful grassy campus, under the foliage of large spreading maples, seats were erected for a thousand people, and a stage that would accommodate a hundred.

The programs of the three days were participated in by scores of men who possessed great ability. Thousands of people gathered each day to hear them relate tales of their old college days, and tell of the pleasures, as well as the hardships, of the days spent in acquiring knowledge within "Old Sandstone." Among the old students who gave the longest and most interesting speeches were Hon. John Hitt, of Chicago; Col. B. F. Sheets, of Oregon; and Hon. R. R. Hitt. Later in the summer, there was published a 56-page booklet, containing a complete report of the proceedings of the three days, also the letters of regret sent in to the secretary, and the entire roll of all the old students who attended the reunion.

The reunion was a grand success, and the pleasure and profit afforded by the three days spent in talking over "auld lang syne" will not be forgotten by those present while life lasts. And may it be likewise with "Old Rock River Seminary!"

LEGAL TRANSACTIONS

THE abstract of title of the Seminary property covers a large number of transactions which show the financial difficulties which the Seminary had during the period of its existence.

The original entry on all of the land on which Mount Morris is located, including the Seminary property, was made on August 17, 1841, and it appeared on the abstract as follows: "United States to Anthony Pitzer. The Auditor of the State certifies to the County Clerk of Ogle County that said Anthony Pitzer on August 17, 1841, entered the East ½ of the South East ¼ of Section 27 in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P. M., containing 80 acres."

It appears that the government survey of this part of Ogle County had not been completed when the original settlers arrived here and they simply made their claims as squatters, and legal titles were not issued until later. This land which was entered in the name of Anthony Pitzer, who was one of the trustees of Rock River Seminary, doubtless was originally claimed by Nathaniel Swingley and Samuel M. Hitt, and they probably donated the claim to Rock River Seminary.

The incorporation of Rock River Seminary as recorded, dated February 18, 1841, was authorized by a Special Act of the Illinois State Legislature. The first and second sections of the act to incorporate are as follows:

"Sec. 1. Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Illinois Represented in the General Assembly: That John Clark, Leander S. Walker, Thomas S. Hitt, Jacob B. Crist, C. Burr Artz, Samuel M. Hitt, John Wallace, Nathaniel

Swingley, Anthony Pitzer, James J. Beatty, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of 'The Rock River Seminary,' and henceforth should be styled and known by that name; and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession; the number of trustees shall not exceed twelve, exclusive of the principal or presiding officer of the Seminary, who shall ex-officio be a member of the Board of Trustees.

"Sec. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the promotion of the general interest of education, to qualify the youth of our country to engage in the several employments and professions of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life.

"The entire 80 acres which had been transferred from the government to Anthony Pitzer was deeded October 18, 1842, to Rock River Seminary with the following provision: 'To have and to hold said premises unto the said party of the second part and their successors forever for a Seminary of Learning under the supervision and control of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Church."

On June 3, 1841, a mortgage was filed by James B. McCoy for $5,000.00 which was released March 22, 1842. Mr. McCoy was the contractor for the building of Old Sandstone.

On March 22, 1842, another mortgage was given to Contractor James B. McCoy for $5,449.88. This was released April 18, 1844.

On March 25, 1845, a mortgage was given to Selvy Kidder, of the State of Ohio for $6,069.93. This was released September 14, 1852.

On September 14, 1852, a mortgage was given to John T. Allen, New York City, for $7,000.00. Payment of this mortgage was in default and the property was sold at a Master-in-Chancery sale to Edwin P. Smith, of New York City for the sum of $5,230.86, he being the highest bidder. However, this sale did not include the original 80 acres, but approximately 12½ acres, and included only the Seminary Square, consisting of four blocks.

On November 1, 1862, Edwin P. Smith agreed to sell the property back to a new organization, The Rock River Joint Stock Association, for the sum of $3,000.00 and on November 1, 1864, the property was deeded to Frederick B. Brayton, President of the Rock River Seminary Joint Stock Association. The property transferred was described as follows: "Northerly by Main Street 990 feet, Easterly by Wesley Avenue 574 feet, Southerly by Center Street 990 feet and Westerly by Mulberry Street 574 feet, containing 12½ acres.

On September 13, 1866, this same property was deeded by Frederick B. Brayton, President of the Rock River Seminary Joint Stock Association, to F. B. Petrie, President of the Trustees of Rock River Seminary.

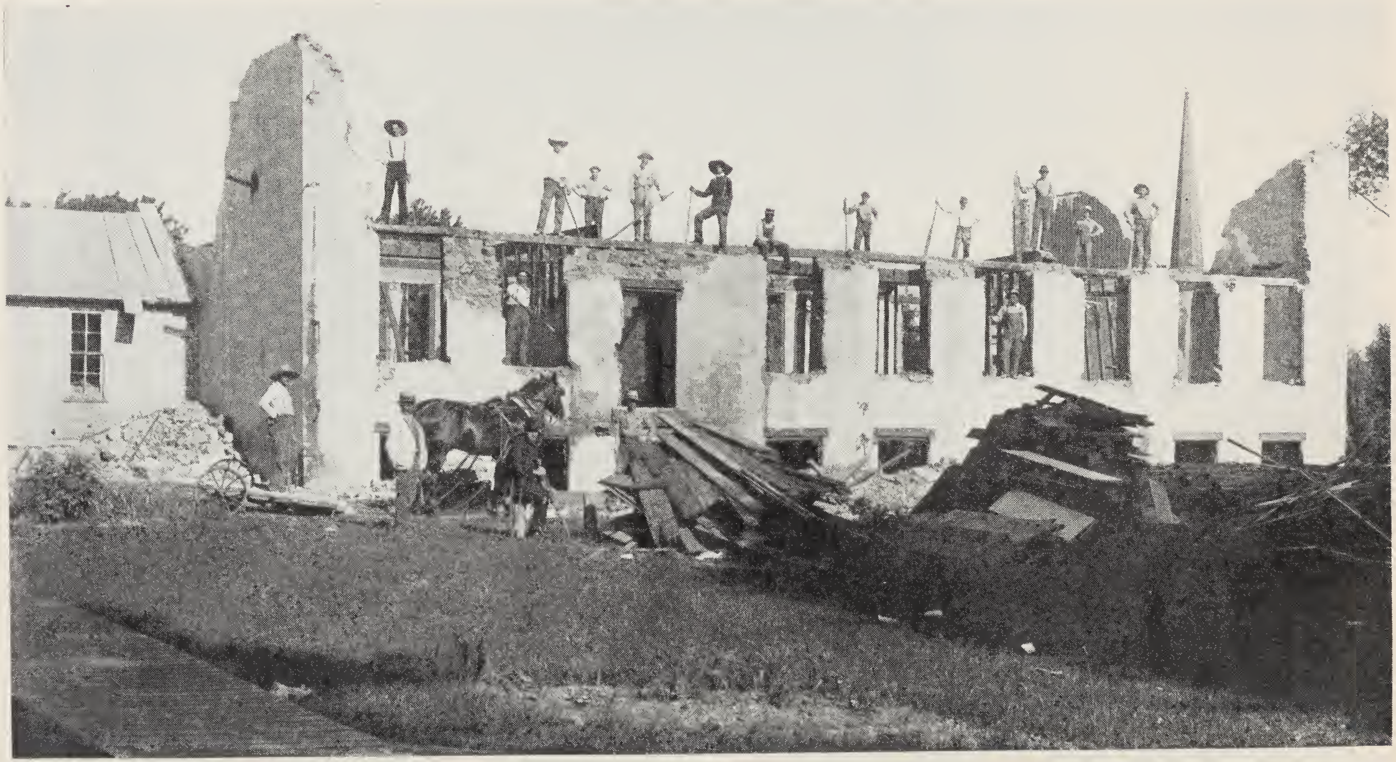
It appears that the name of the corporation owning this property was changed and on May 30, 1867, Frederick G. Petrie deeded the property to the Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute.

On April 1, 1868, the Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute Trustees issued a trust deed to Daniel Dow, of Rockford, for the sum of $2,000.00 and on February 18, 1870, this was increased to $3,000.00 with interest at 10%.

On August 12, 1872, this trust deed was transferred to Robert R. Hitt, who in turn gave a warranty deed dated January 1, 1875, to Newton C. Dougherty. This transfer apparently included only the east half of the property comprising the present college campus and Mr. Hitt retained ownership of the two blocks west of the campus. The consideration was $6,000.00.

On June 28, 1875, Newton C. Dougherty gave a trust deed to Albert N. Newcomer for $5,000.00. This was released June 3, 1878.

At this juncture Rock River Seminary was forced to close its doors and Newton C. Dougherty deeded the property back to Robert R. Hitt for the sum of $5,000.00.



THIS PICTURE was taken in 1893 and shows the original "Old Sandstone" being wrecked to make room for the new ladies' dormitory. This old building was built in 1839 and was the first permanent structure to be built in Mount Morris. The walls were of heavy masonry and covered with plaster. This building could have stood for centuries and it is regrettable that it was not repaired and allowed to stand permanently as a monument to the founding of the village. There was plenty of space on the campus for the new building and it would appear from this perspective that a great mistake was made in wrecking this historic old building.

Chapter 6

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

AS has been noted in the preceding chapter, Rock River Seminary, during the seventies, became involved financially and finally was forced to close her doors in 1878, after a glorious career of forty years. Hon. R. R. Hitt purchased the property and after standing idle for a year, Mr. Hitt disposed of the two east blocks of the property on which the two old buildings stood to Melchor S. Newcomer for the sum of $6,000. This marked the beginning of the movement to establish an educational institution for the Church of the Brethren, or Dunkards, as they were more commonly known. With the moral support of John H. Moore, M. M. Eshelman, Samuel C. Price, John Price, Daniel Wingert, and others, Elder Newcomer associated with him J. W. Stein of Missouri and D. L. Miller, each taking a third interest. Mr. Stein was elected president and Mr. Miller secretary and business manager. After expending several thousand dollars in improvements, the three gentlemen reopened the school under the name of Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute. A catalog and a circular were issued, a competent faculty engaged, and all preparations made to reestablish the institution.

On Aug. 20, 1879, the first term of the school under the management of these Brethren was opened. Sixty students—a very encouraging beginning considering all the circumstances—were in attendance. Prof. Stein displayed remarkable ability as president of the college and as an instructor, but in the year 1881 he became the principal of an escapade, the equal of which never occurred in Mount Morris before or since. On pretense of going to Europe for his health, he left his wife and family and eloped with his ward, Miss Delilah Tombaugh, who had been living with the family and attending the college.

The desertion of the institution by President Stein was a hard blow on the infant school. The block of ground west of the college campus had been purchased, a new college building planned, a farm of 160 acres was being negotiated for, and the prospects for the success of the school were very bright. Then came the blow as a clap of thunder from a clear sky. And discouragements came not singly. At that time, at a conference of the Northern District of Illinois of the church, all the elders, save one, advised Newcomer and Miller to close the school. Under these most depressing influences, the entire burden resting on the two men, the building project was abandoned, the negotiations for the farm ended, and the block of ground, now built over with substantial residences, was allowed to revert to the original owners.

After the departure of President Stein, D. L. Miller became president and also continued as business manager of the college, which rather dignified title the institution was then beginning to assume. Under his management the patronage of the school rapidly increased, young men and women coming from all parts of the country where members of the Church of the Brethren were located.

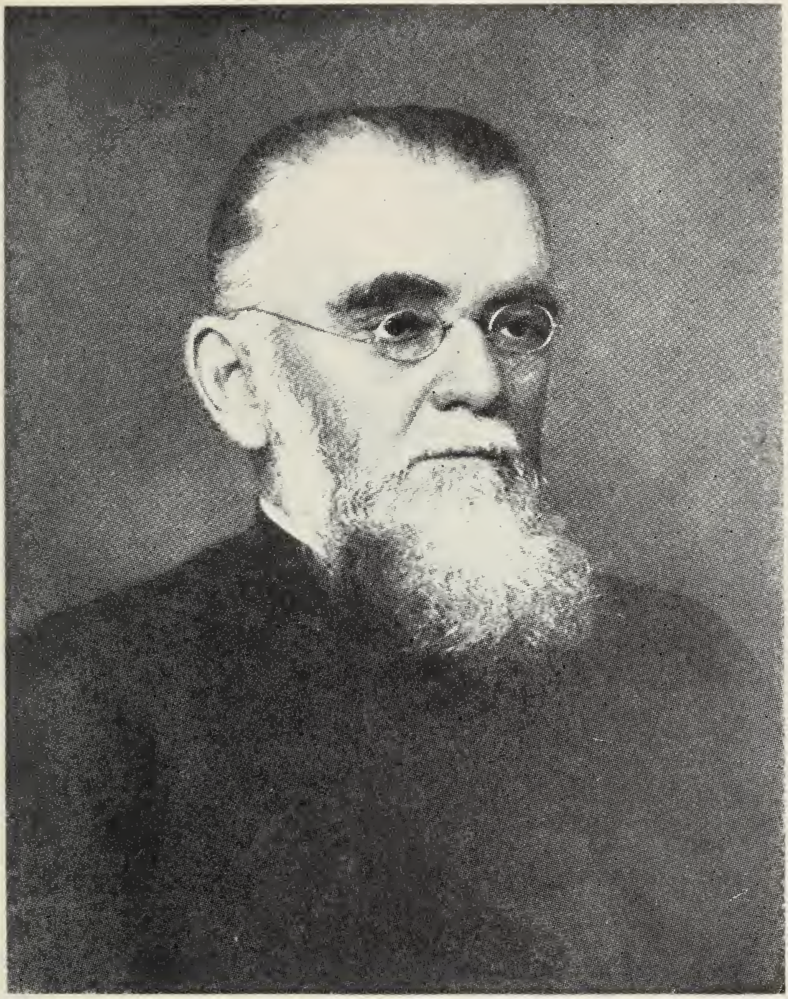
In 1884, the trustees obtained a new charter for the school and changed the name to Mount Morris College. The capital stock at that time amounted to $30,000. In that year, Prof. J. G. Royer came here with his family from Indiana and invested considerable money in stock. He was then elected president, which position he filled with much credit for twenty years. From that time the advancement of the college was

MELCHOR S. NEWCOMER, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Newcomer, was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 28, 1842, and died Feb. 18, 1920, aged 78 years. At the age of 12, he came to Illinois with his parents, who settled on a farm six miles northwest of Mount Morris. He continued to reside in or near Mount Morris the remainder of his life. He was one of the organizers of Mount Morris College in 1879, after the close of Rock River Seminary. He was elected to the ministry of the Brethren Church in 1869, and served the West Branch congregation for a number of years. He was married in 1865 to Mary Eliza Hammer, and they had nine children. Four of them preceded the father in death and those remaining were Elizabeth Mertz, Ruth Shelly, Elva Cripe, Grace and John. Mrs. Newcomer died April 30, 1920, aged 77 years.

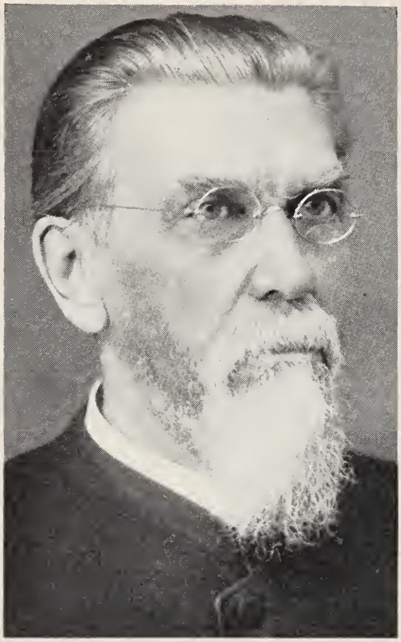
steady, and its development was noted with much pleasure by the citizens of Mount Morris. Each year new improvements were added and the equipment and facilities of the college greatly increased for the better accommodation of the young men and women who came from nearly all parts of the Union to develop their moral and intellectual capabilities.

During the latter part of the eighties, the two original seminary buildings became entirely inadequate for the growing necessities of the college. Accordingly, plans were set on foot for the erecting of a new building. About $20,000 were necessary for the erection of the desired building, and Pres. Royer started to solicit the amount by subscription throughout the Brotherhood. The canvass proved successful and the contract was given to N. E. Buser. Ground was broken for the building in

PROF. J. W. STEIN was the first president of Mount Morris College from 1879 to 1881, when he disappeared under very peculiar circumstances. It appears that when Prof. Stein and his family came to Mount Morris they were accompanied by Miss Delilah Tombaugh, who is said to have been a girl of strikingly handsome face and form. She came to Mount Morris to enjoy the educational advantages of the college. In intellect she was far the superior of Mrs. Stein, and she and Stein were constantly studying together, possessing, it is said, an affinity of tastes. The result of this companionship can be conjectured. Though there was a difference of twenty years in their ages, the president of the college and his pupil fell in love with each other. The vigilant public soon discovered this fact and Stein commenced to devise ways and means to evade the consequences of his guilty amour. He gave out that the duties of the presidency were weighing upon him to such an extent that it was imperative for him to take a trip to Europe in order to recuperate. He also represented that Miss Tombaugh was to be married to a young man named Petri, in Chicago, and he accompanied her thither, returning with a glowing account of the wedding. Later he started on his supposed trip to Europe. With the exception of a letter from New York and one from Vienna, nothing further was heard from him for two years. The Brethren became alarmed, and through Congressman Hitt, then Assistant Secretary of State, inquiries were set on foot and search made by ministers and consuls in all the principal cities of Europe for six months, but without success. At last Stein was given up for dead. Two years later, however, a letter came from the missing man, who was living in Portland, Oregon. In his communication, Stein confessed that he had never been to Europe, but that he was living with Miss Tombaugh on a government claim in Oregon. The letter from Vienna was only a blind, he having given it at New York to a German tourist, who mailed it for him when he arrived at the Austrian capital. The news of Stein's duplicity came upon the Brethren like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. They had reposed the utmost confidence in him as a reliable educator and a faithful minister of the gospel. Under the circumstances, they were compelled to disown him.



ELDER D. L. MILLER, one of Mount Morris' most distinguished citizens, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 5, 1841, and died June 7, 1921, aged nearly 80 years. His boyhood was spent in his father's mill in Maryland, and he came to Ogle County in 1860. In 1868, he married Elizabeth Talley, and they located in Polo, where Mr. Miller engaged in business for 13 years. In 1879, he came to Mount Morris to become part owner and business manager of Mount Morris College. He was also the principal owner of the Brethren Publishing Company and for many years editor of the Gospel Messenger. In later years he gave his holdings in both institutions to the Brethren Church. He was elected to the ministry of the church, and before his death was given the title of bishop. He was doubtless the most prominent and best known figure in the church, because of his many lecture tours among the churches, concerning his frequent trips to the Holy Land, and his several trips around the world. He wrote a number of books on his travels, among them being "Wanderings in the Bible Lands," "Seven Churches of Asia," "Girdling the Globe," and "The Eternal Verities." Mrs. Miller, who accompanied him on most of his travels, died in 1926. They had no children.

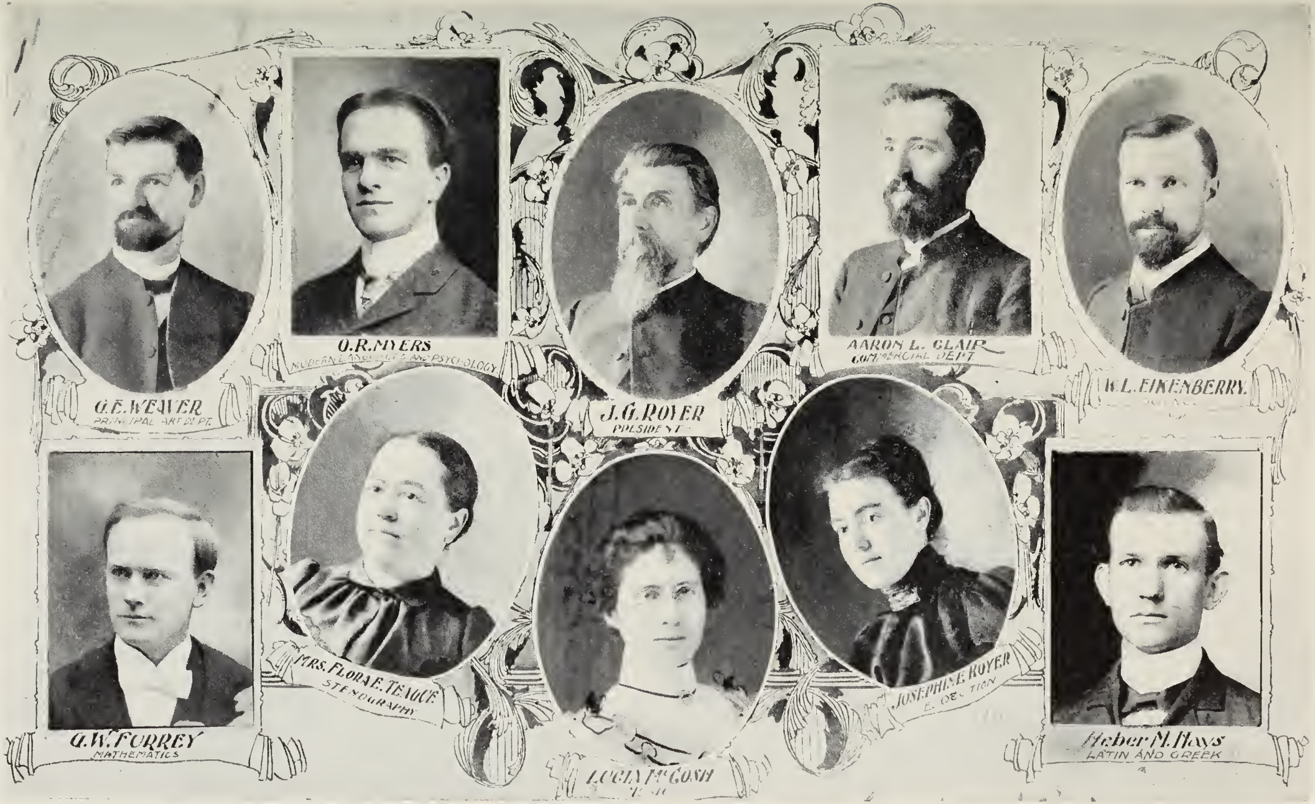


PROF. J. G. ROYER, for twenty years president of Mount Morris College, died January 25, 1917, aged 79 years. He was the son of Jacob and Susan (Myers) Royer, and was born in Union County, Pa., on April 22, 1838. At the age of 16, he began to teach school, and taught in various places in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and in 1884 he identified himself with Mount Morris College. He served as president of the institution for a period of twenty years, and thousands of young people came under his influence. He gave himself wholly to the cause of Christian education, and the college prospered under his guidance. He was also a minister of the Brethren Church. In 1861, he was married to Elizabeth Reiff, to whom were born one son and seven daughters as follows: Galen B. Royer, Susie (Mrs. E. S. Young), Nettie (Mrs. J. A. Brubaker), Lillie (Mrs. James Fogerty), Ida (Mrs. J. M. Myers), Josephine (Mrs. G. W. Brumbaugh), Myrtle (Mrs. M. R. Myers) and Mary Royer. Mrs. Royer died Nov. 21, 1927, aged 89 years.

March, 1890, and it was completed and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term of 1891. This building is a plain substantial, brick-veneered building with 72 feet front and, including a spacious chapel, 122 feet long. It was built on the north side of the campus and was known as "College Hall."

In the year 1893, a new dormitory for the ladies was found to be a necessity, and the historic "Old Sandstone," which had been used for that purpose for so many years, was leveled to the ground and a larger and more modern structure erected. The new dormitory cost in the neighborhood of $10,000, and was erected by N. E. Buser, who also erected College Hall. The building was a fine three-story brick-veneered structure, with a basement; its dimensions were 30 x 80 feet. It was situated several rods to the west of the old seminary building. The greater part of the basement was taken

JOHN EZRA MILLER was president of Mount Morris College from 1904 to 1915, following the long term of service of Prof. J. G. Royer. Prof. Miller was born near Milledgeville, Ill., March 13, 1865. He entered Mount Morris College in 1884 and graduated in 1892 with the B.L. degree. He then entered the University of Michigan and received his B.A. degree in 1894. For six years he taught Latin and Greek in Mount Morris College and in 1900 went to the University of Illinois, taught Latin and Greek for four years and received his Master's degree in 1902. In 1904, he accepted the position of president of Mount Morris College, which he held until 1915, when he resigned and accepted an editorial position with the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin where he is now located. In 1912, he received the degree of LL.D. from Mount Morris College.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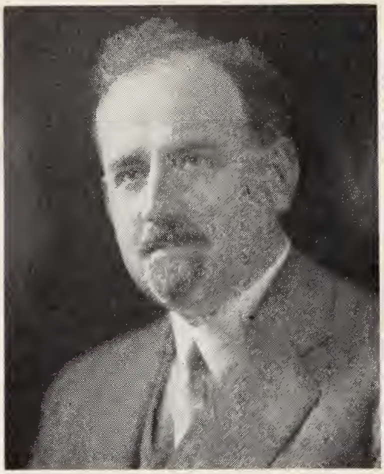
THE ABOVE GROUP represents the faculty of Mount Morris College for the school year 1900-1901. Pres. Royer and Profs. Furrey, Weaver and Clair have been dead some years. Lucia McCosh married L. R. Maltbie and lives in New York City. Josephine Royer married and later passed away.



PROF. J. S. NOFFSINGER, who was president of Mount Morris College from 1915 to 1918, is a man of large experience and high attainments in the field of education. He was the son of Amos and Fianna (Neidech) Noffsinger, and was born Dec. 21, 1886, at Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the Dayton High School in 1904 and attended Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago from 1906 to 1908. He attended Mount Morris College from 1908 to 1913, receiving his A. B. degree. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, with A. M. degree in 1915, and Columbia University with Ph.D. degree in 1925. His wide experience as an educator started as a teacher in the public schools at Dayton, Ohio; for two years he was superintendent of schools in Bayombong, Philippine Islands; two years superintendent of schools at Ashton, Ill.; 1915-1918, President of Mount Morris College; 1918-1921, pastor, Church of the Brethren, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 1918-1924, inspector, Federal Board for Vocational Education, New York City; 1924-26, member staff, Carnegie Corporation of New York; 1921-1934, secretary, General Education Board, Church of the Brethren, and since 1926 has been executive director of the National Home Study Council. He is also author of a number of books. Prof. Noffsinger married Florence M. Wieand in 1912 and they have a daughter, Pauline J. (Mrs. E. A. Joliet). Their present address is 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

up for the college dining-hall. With the exception of several parlors, the upper three stories were divided into rooms for the accommodation of about seventy of the fair sex.

A year or so after the erection of the two new buildings, a number of changes in "Old Sandstone" No. 2 became necessary, there being a demand for more rooms for young men. Consequently, the building was given a thorough overhauling. Every floor and partition was torn out; in fact, everything was changed except the walls.

President J. G. Royer continued at the head of the college for a period of twenty years, during which time he had the pleasure of seeing College Hall erected in 1890, Ladies' Dormitory in 1893 and Old Sandstone remodeled in 1896. He retired from the presidency in the spring of 1904 and engaged in evangelistic work until his death in 1917.

In casting about for a new president, the trustees selected John Ezra Miller, a former student, and he took charge in 1904 and successfully conducted the institution until 1915 when he resigned. During this period, the new auditorium-gymnasium was erected in 1908.

On Jan. 15, 1912, at 2 p.m., "Old Sandstone," crowded with students at the time, was found to be on fire, and by

PROF. LEVI S. SHIVELY served as president of Mount Morris College from 1918 to 1921. He was born near Cerro Gordo, Ill., and came to Mount Morris to attend the college. He was professor of Mathematics in Mount Morris College from 1908 to 1928, except for two years in Chicago. He did graduate work in the University of Chicago from 1915 to 1917 and received his A.M. degree in 1916 and Ph.D. in 1917. In 1928, he became associate professor of mathematics in Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Ind., and at present is serving as acting dean of that school.

THIS IS ALL that was left of historic "Old Sandstone" after the disastrous fire of Jan. 15, 1912. The thick heavy walls were found to be solid and were used in rebuilding the structure. The new floors were made of reinforced concrete which resisted the fire of April 12, 1931.

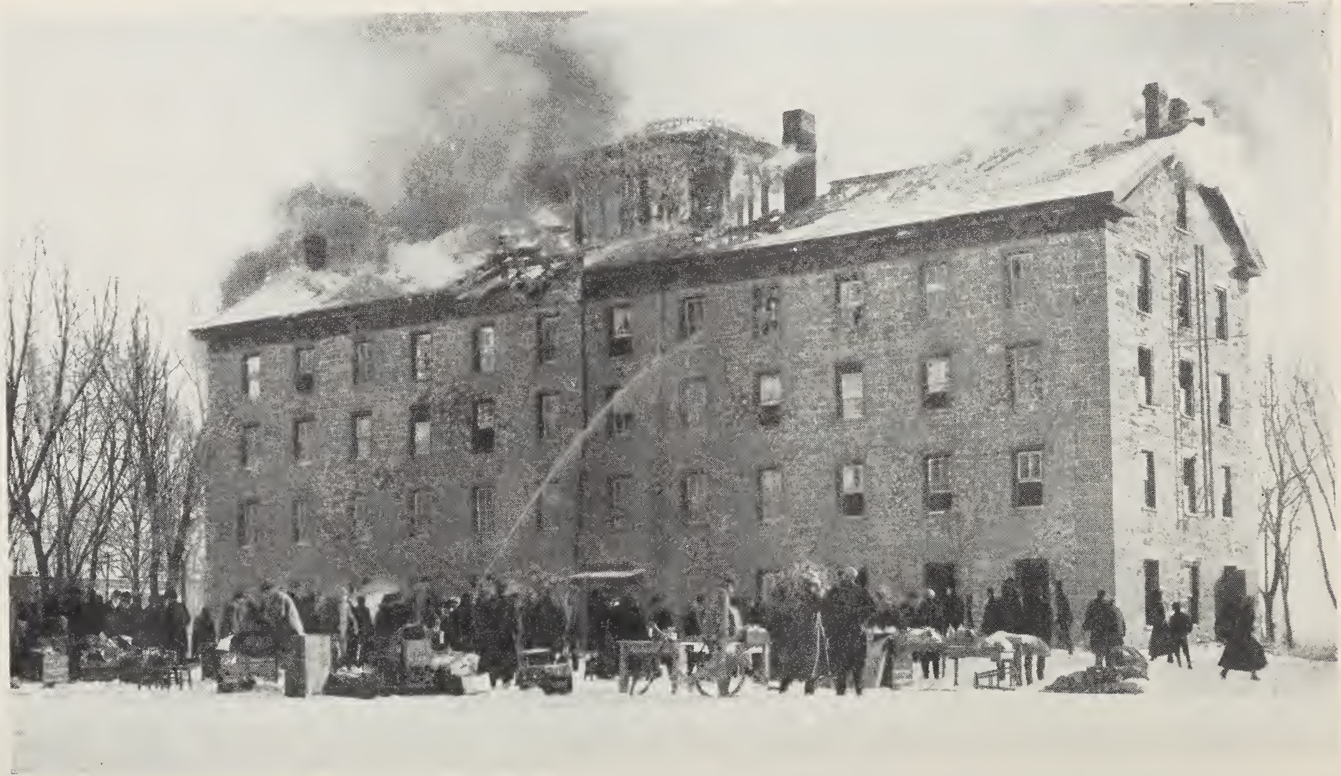
nightfall only the outer walls of the building were left standing. The walls were found to be uninjured and with the generous response of townspeople and former students, the building was rebuilt with reinforced concrete floors. This work was completed for the opening of school in the fall of 1913.

During the regime of Pres. J. E. Miller, from 1904 to 1915, the college continued to develop rapidly. Pres. Miller had associated with him, as a Board of Management, D. D. Culler, M. W. Emmert, George W. Furrey, and N. J. Miller. Upon the resignation of the latter two, M. M. Sherrick, I. R. Hendrickson and L. S. Shively were added to the board.

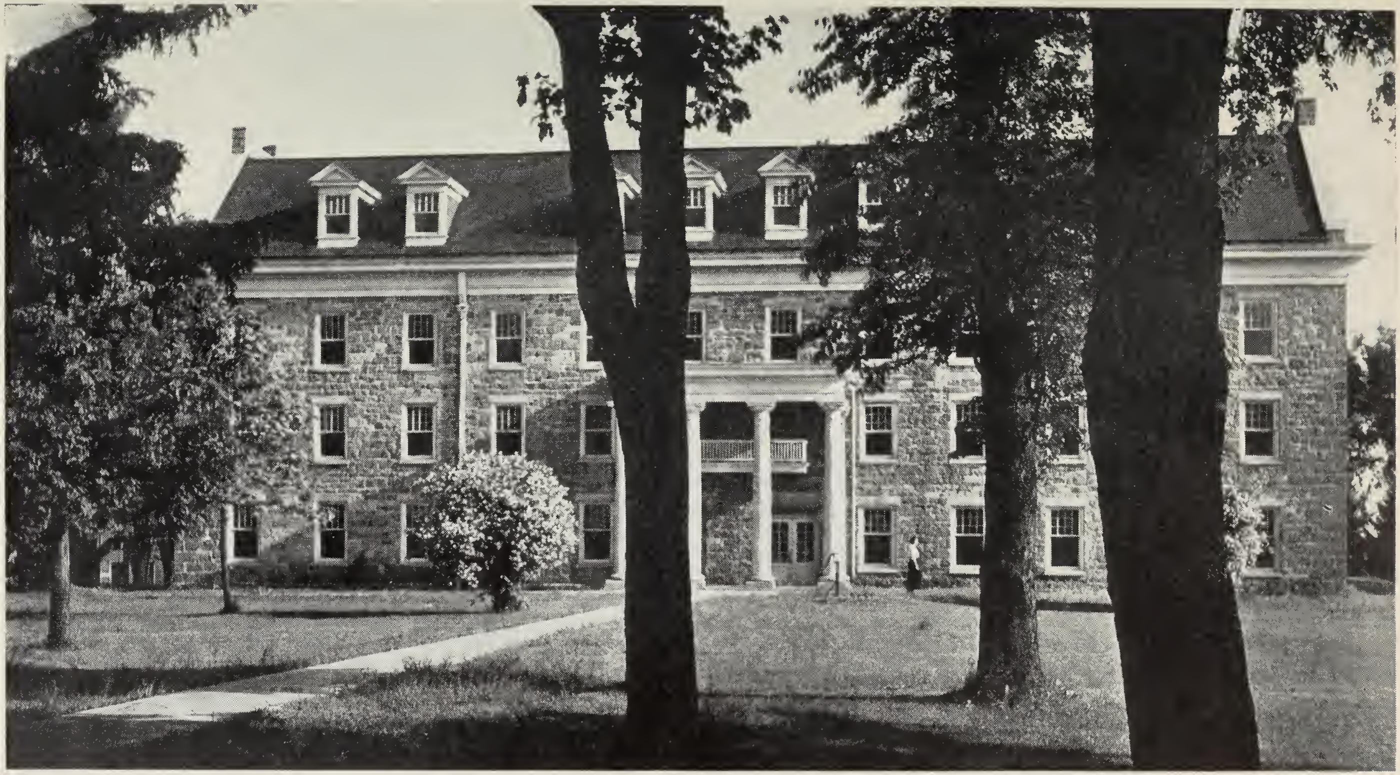
When Pres. Miller resigned in 1915 the Board of Management was discontinued and a Board of Trustees assumed control and directed the affairs of the school for the six cooperating church districts in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and eastern Montana.

During the period following the resignation of Pres. Miller and the closing of the school in 1932, six different men served the college as presidents for periods of from one to four years. All of these men were competent, conscientious educators, but the increasing difficulty of financial problems made it impossible to operate the college successfully. The support of the church gradually waned and it became inevitable that sooner or later the college would be forced to close.

In 1915, the Board of Trustees selected J. S. Noffsinger, a former student, as president and he served acceptably for three years. He was followed by Levi S. Shively, also a former student and instructor, who served as president until 1921. A. J. Brumbaugh then became president for a four-year term and was followed by W. W. Peters, who came from Manchester College, and who made a supreme effort to put the school on a firm foundation, but he found it an impossible task and resigned in 1928. O. W. Neher served as president the following year and in 1929, C. Ernest Davis came from California and assumed the presidency, only to encounter fresh financial difficulties due to the great depression. He



THIS PICTURE shows the burning of Old Sandstone on Jan. 15, 1912. This building was used from the time of its erection in 1853 as a dormitory for men, and at the time it was burned was occupied by 84 students. The heavy stone walls were not injured by the fire, although the entire interior was gutted. Students found lodging in private homes about town until the new men's dormitory was built in 1912-1913.



THIS PICTURE shows, in comparison to the picture on the opposite page, how Old Sandstone was beautified and improved in appearance when rebuilt after the fire of Jan. 15, 1912. Samuel H. Brubaker, a former student, was the architect who planned the repairs. The floors were built of reinforced concrete and resisted the fire of 1931, although the roof burned off.

PROF. A. J. BRUMBAUGH served as president of Mount Morris College during the school years of 1921 to 1925. He came to Mount Morris as a student in 1910 and graduated with the class of 1914. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, receiving his M. A. degree in 1918 and his Ph. D. degree in 1929. At present he is professor of education and dean of the college in the University of Chicago. Prof. Brumbaugh is the son of Francis and Frances (Gehman) Brumbaugh and was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1890. In 1914, he married Ruth Sherrick, daughter of Prof. M. M. Sherrick, and they have two children, Robert S. and Dorothy June.

fought valiantly against overwhelming odds and finally in the spring of 1932 the Board of Trustees decided to close the school and merge with the Brethren school at North Manchester, Ind.

Mount Morris College made valuable contributions to the work of the world through her students and alumni. Her representatives are in every continent. More than thirty-five missionaries of the Church of the Brethren have received at least part of their training at Mount Morris. She has given two hundred sixty-five ministers, besides other religious leaders, to Christian service in the home land. She counts among her former students many of national importance in education, business and government. To thousands of men and women the names of "Mount Morris" and "Old Sandstone" awaken pleasant memories of the institution that gave them new visions, great ideals and a spirit of service.

In its closing years Mount Morris put on a program that showed aggressive leadership. The great fire of April, 1931, which took three of the five campus buildings, quickly manifested the loyalty of her friends and the buildings were restored within a few months.

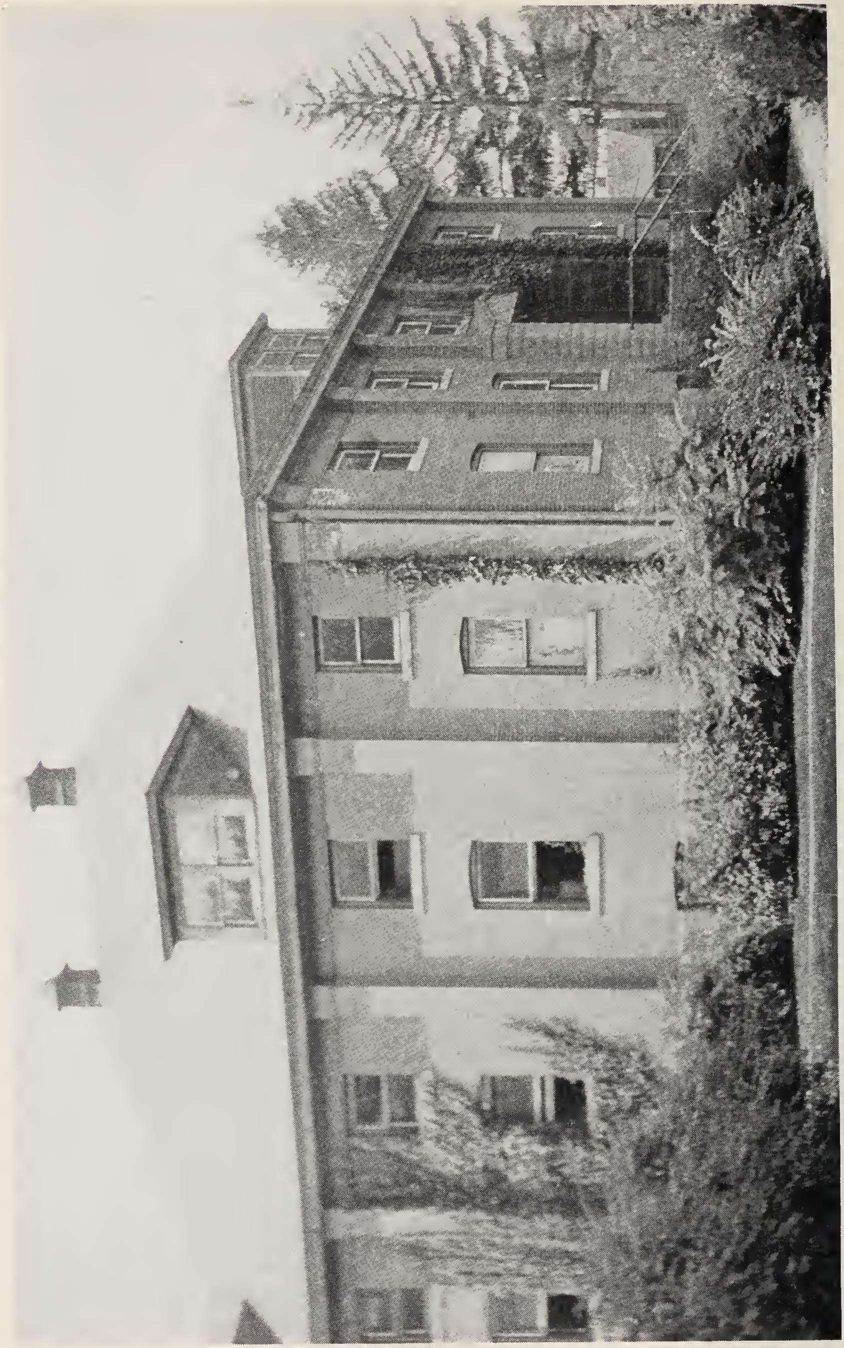
An important adjunct in the life of Rock River Seminary and Mount Morris College were the Amphictyon and Philorhetorian Literary Societies. Scores of men who have achieved fame in the various avenues of life derived their power of oratory from their early attempts at speaking and debating in these literary societies. The halls of our national Congress have often rung with the stirring oratory of men who attribute much of their success to the early training which they received from their society work. The history of both the societies extends further back than that

PROF. W. W. PETERS came to Mount Morris as president of Mount Morris College in September, 1925. He is a native of Virginia and secured his education at Manchester College and Ohio State University where he was granted his Master's degree in 1922. He also did graduate work at Columbia University in New York City. He resigned as president of the college in 1928 to study at the University of Illinois. At present he is dean and professor of education at Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

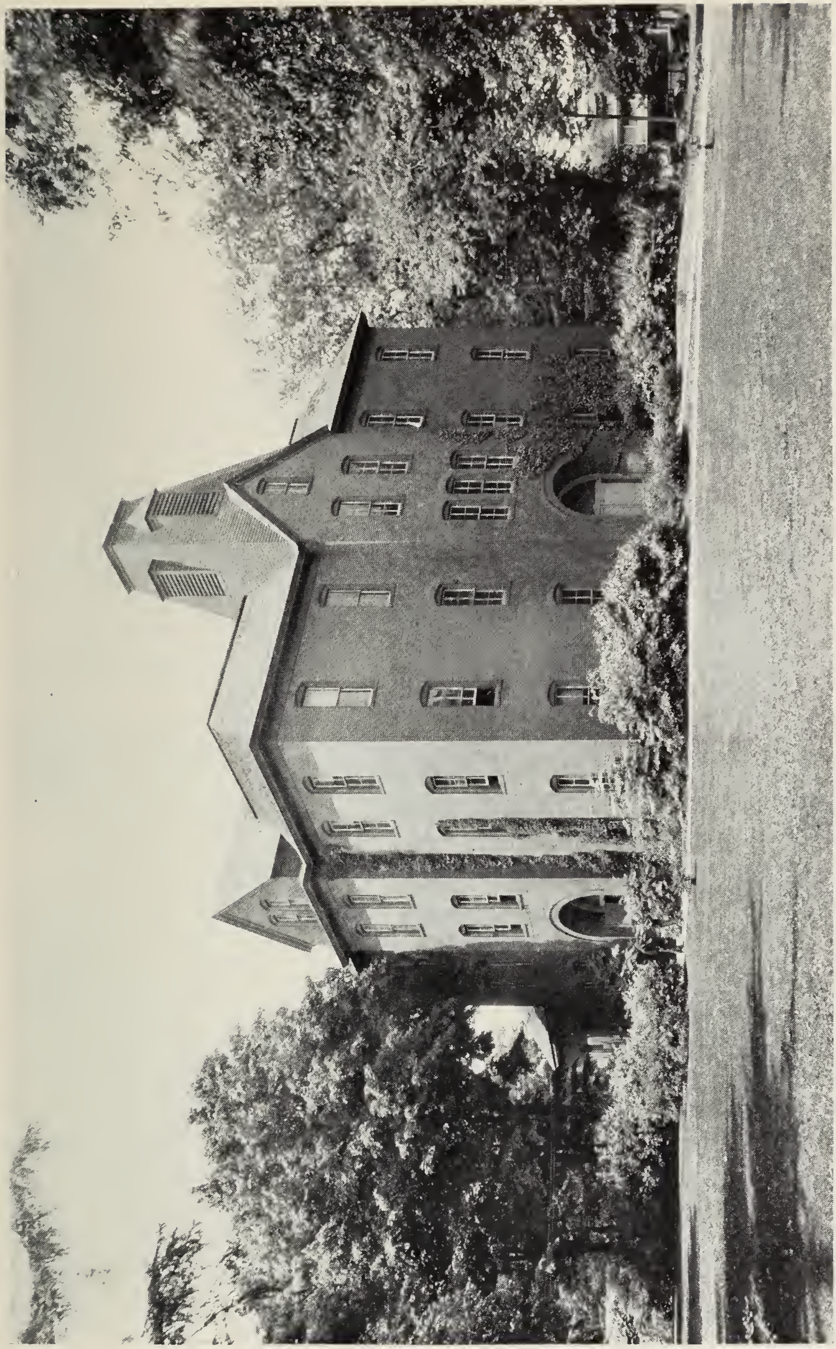
of Mount Morris College, the Amphictyon being nearly as old as Rock River Seminary. It was organized in about the year 1846 and, with the exception of a number of short-lived organizations, was the only literary society in the seminary until the winter of 1851-52, when a division occurred in the Amphictyon ranks, and the Philorhetorian Literary Society was organized. It seems that there were many of the "Amphics" who resided in the country and no longer had any connection with the school, or took any interest in the society except to attend on special occasions, to take prominent part in controlling elections, etc. The other members were students, who were active in literary work, many of them being young people of more than ordinary ability. Trouble naturally grew out of such a condition of affairs, and there was an attempt made to exclude those members who were no longer active. There were some turbulent scenes, and finally a part of the members drew off and formed another society, which they called the Philorhetorian. The Amphictyon Society originally held its meetings in the historic old chapel at the north end of the basement of the original "Old Sandstone." After the organization of the Philorhetorian Society, separate rooms on the upper floor were assigned to the societies.

PROF. O. W. NEHER served as president of Mount Morris College during the school year 1928-1929. He came to Mount Morris as a student in the academy in 1910 and graduated from the college in 1916. Later he attended Iowa State College and the University of Chicago. He taught in Mount Morris Academy from 1911 to 1916 and in the college from 1924 to 1932. At present he is instructor in the biology department of Manchester College at North Manchester, Ind., and pastor of the Antioch Church. Prof. Neher is the son of David and Lucinda (Warner) Neher and was born June 22, 1887, at Petroleum, Ind. He married Etha Mae Trostle in 1920 and they have three children: Dortha Jean, Lois Leone and Robert Trostle. Prof. Neher is a brother of George Neher of Mount Morris.

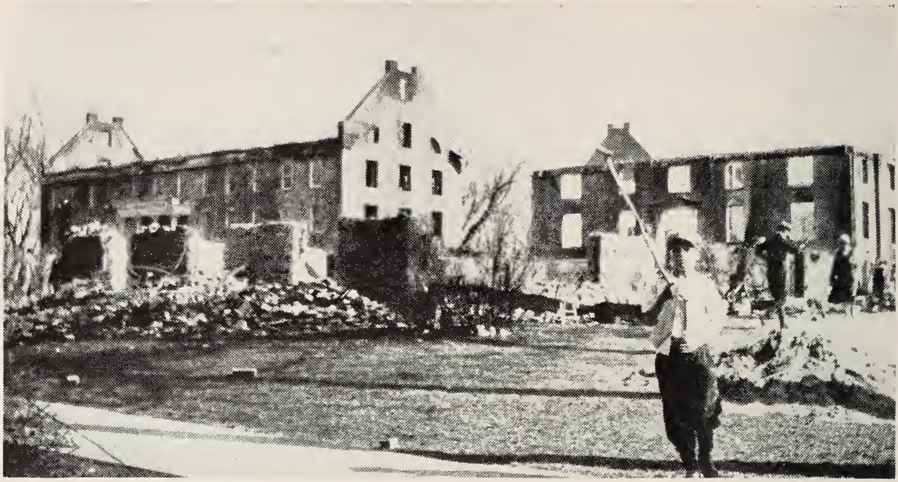
C. ERNEST DAVIS, president of Mount Morris College from 1929 until the college closed in 1932, was the son of Chas. W. and Linna (Worster) Davis and was born Jan. 23, 1893, at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He was educated at LaVerne College and the College of the Pacific. He taught four years in the public schools of California, and also taught two years in LaVerne College. He was ordained a minister in the Church of the Brethren and held pastorates at Chico, Calif., Patterson, Calif., Wenatchee, Wash., and Independence, Kans. He came to Mount Morris from Wenatchee, Wash., and in 1932 went to Independence, Kans., where he served as pastor for nearly four years. From 1936 to 1938 he was professor of Religious Education and field representative of McPherson College, McPherson, Kans. On August 1, 1938, he became president of LaVerne College, his alma mater, at La Verne, Calif. Mr. Davis married in 1915 to Miss Grace Heisel and they have five children: Philip B., Barbara E., Charles E., John R., Rodney and Virginia C. While serving as president of Mount Morris College, Prof. Davis made an excellent record fighting an up-hill battle against the lack of proper financial support.



THIS GYMNASIUM AUDITORIUM was built in 1908 at a cost of about $10,000. It was destroyed by fire April 12, 1931, and nothing but the foundation walls now remain. The fire originated in the basement of this building and spread to the Ladies' Dormitory and "Old Sandstone."



COLLEGE HALL was erected in 1890 and 1891 by N. E. Buser at a cost of about $20,000. It was ready for occupancy at the opening of school in September, 1891. After the college was compelled to close its doors the building passed to the ownership of Kable Brothers Company and several years later was sold to the Kable News Company. The entire building is now occupied by that company which is engaged in the national distribution of magazines through newsstand dealers.



THIS is all that was left of the three large buildings after the disastrous fire of April 12, 1931. The ladies dormitory in the foreground was completely destroyed and the gymnasium at the right was gutted so that it could not be restored. "Old Sandstone," however, having reinforced concrete floors, was not damaged below the third floor except by water and was restored by putting on a new roof. The two other buildings on the campus were not damaged to any great extent.

When the building now known as "Old Sandstone" was completed, the societies occupied rooms on the fourth floor, the "Amphics" at the east end and the "Philos" at the west end. When "College Hall" was erected, fine quarters were provided on the third floor for both societies and they continued to prosper until the closing of the college.

Because of the lack of proper finances, the College was shut down in 1932 and the property was deeded in trust to I. D. Leatherman, Harvey Long and E. R. Henricks, who on Oct. 28, 1932, sold the property to Kable Brothers Company, who assumed all outstanding indebtedness of the College and took over the entire property, including all accounts receivable.

Thus ended, after a period of nearly 100 years, a career of this institution of learning which during the greater part of that period was almost the sole business of the community. During this long period thousands came to Mount Morris from all points of the compass and while the venture was never a very prosperous one, the efforts put forth by the educators of Rock River Seminary and Mount Morris College were doubtless well worth while, for many of the students received an education and inspiration here that led to their later success in life in many vocations.

Since the sale of the College property to Kable Brothers Company, the various buildings have been disposed of. The center strip containing the new gymnasium and the band shell was deeded to the Village of Mount Morris. The north side of the property was sold to Kable News Company and they in turn sold the northwest corner to the United States Government for a post office site. The old boys' dormitory on the southwest corner was sold to Mrs. Edith Kable, who converted it into an apartment house. Old Sandstone and the southeast corner of the campus together with the heating plant remain the property of Kable Brothers Company.

The list of those graduating in literary courses is as follows:

1881—Harry C. Newcomer, Alfonzo G. Newcomer, E. D. Peifer, A. W. Vaniman, Angie Yarger, S. H. Anrand, Fred N. Rice.

1882—Adaline Hohf Beery, J. H. Brubaker, J. T. Brubaker, L. H. Eby, Flora Grant Mershon, Reba Kosier Newcomer, J. Carson Miller, Mary E. Miller, C. W. Lehman, Isaac H. Miller.

1883—Jennie Fearer, Albert Gebhardt,

John Heckman, A. L. Shute, Jennie Mackay, Anna L. Sharp Davis, E. S. Young, Grant Mahan, Albert Motschman, Mary J. Stees, Annie S. Miller, Kate Kepner, G. E. Dawson, G. N. Falkenstein.

1884—Effie Mackay, B. G. Davis, E. A. Orr, Marcellus Rohrbaugh, Elmer Sanford, Levi Benbow, S. L. Hanger, Edward C. Page, Georgia Bixler Jenks.

1885—James M. Neff, Cyrus Newcomer, Allen P. Sword, W. B. Thompson, Jennie Tice Peifer.

1886—James M. Neff, E. B. Hohf, G. L. Shoemaker, Abba Fager, Elva Newcomer Cripe, M. Eliza Canode.

1887—J. K. Shellenberger, Laura V. Ullom, J. P. Yoder.

1888—C. E. Culp, Ida Royer Myers, Nettie Royer Brubaker, Lizzie Shaw Evans, Fannie Stephens, Chauncey Vaniman, C. M. Vaniman, Cyrus Walleck.

1889—Alice J. Boone, Charles Carpenter, Anna Gouckly Hohf, W. Lewis Eikenberry, Charles Lehman, Ed. Markley, T. M. Miller, Nettie Royer Brubaker, Salome Stoner Myers, Vinnie Stoner, Ida Shellenberger Oren, Wilbur B. Stover.

1890—J. E. Miller, Minnie Windle Harnley, T. T. Myers, Tobias J. C. Diekhoff, Lillie Royer Fogerty, N. R. Baker, Frank Mertz, Ivey D. Eversole, J. N. Brubaker, Will Mertz, O. Perry Hoover, Ida M. Wagner Hoff, E. J. Zern, Mary Emmert Stover, Will E. Carpenter, Daisy Kemp.

1891—Wilbur B. Stover, Ida M. Royer Myers, Salome A. Stoner Myers, J. Z. Gilbert, Ella Amick Eckerle, Dollie Stephens, Lou Ella Replogle, W. I. T. Hoover, Sarah Whitmore Harnley.

1892—Tobias J. C. Diekhoff, J. E. Miller, W. L. Eikenberry, O. P. Hoover, C. F. Ford, G. V. Goshorn, J. D. Clear, S. S. Young, E. N. Goshorn, Anna Eversole, W. P. Rodabaugh, W. I. Thomas, E. R. Yundt, M. S. Bolinger, J. H. Harnley.

1893—G. W. Tanreuther, N. J. Brubaker, Bertha I. Miller, D. D. Culler, D. L. Forney, M. W. Emmert, S. C. Garber, M. Alice King Eby, N. J. Miller, Lydia E. Taylor, H. M. Barwick, Salome A. Stoner Myers.

1894—E. R. Yundt, E. N. Goshorn, I. B. Hendrickson, J. S. Flory, E. C. Thomas, O. L. Shaw, A. M. Stine, L. A. Pollock, Charles Leckrone, O. R. Myers, Katherine Hershey Young, M. W. Emmert, Anna May Miller, H. M. Spickler.

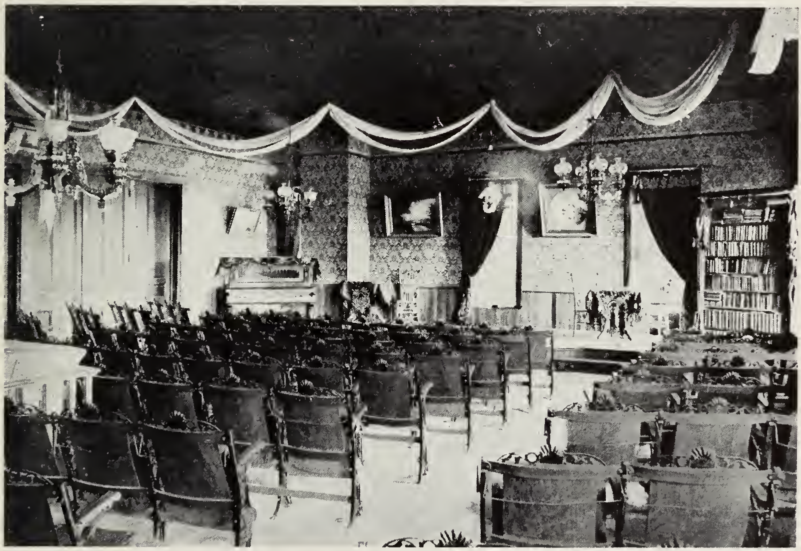
1895—Maude Carpenter, S. M. Hoover, Josephine Royer, Della Snyder Lehner, Lizzie Grater.

1896—G. W. Furrey, J. W. Thomas, O. A. Fackler, L. H. Carpenter, S. A. Long, Viola Trostle Undt.

1897—J. B. Carpenter, Lucia McCosh, Lizzie Myers Emmert, Arthur M. Stine, Etta Moore Long, Della Myers Peifer, J. M. Myers, Mamie Yarger, Nettie Felthouse, C. H. Shock, S. A. Long.

1898—E. T. Keiser, Lulu Kable, J. C. Shaw, Etta Rowland, Harvey J. Kable, Dollie Kepner, H. B. Metzger, W. H. Weybright, Emma Horning, Thomas E. Newcomer, Blanche Lentz, J. D. Suter.

1899—Calvin McNelly, J. P. Wilson, Ma-



THE AMPHICTYON LITERARY SOCIETY HALL was located on the third floor of "College Hall," opposite the Philorhetorian Hall, and many students got valuable experience in public speaking in participating in these Friday night programs. Many town people regularly attended these literary society meetings.

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STUDENTS OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE, 1909-1910

1. Prof. D. D. Culler
2. Prof. I. R. Hendrickson
3. Prof. M. W. Emmert
4. Prof. H. S. Hulbert
5. Prof. U. C. Nye
6. Miss Marie Jenkins
7. Prof. J. E. Miller
8. Miss Elizabeth Snyder
9. Prof. L. S. Shively
10. Prof. M. M. Sherrick
11. Edna McNeel
12. Samuel Zook
13. Harvey Schulta
14. Elbert McCann
15. Orpha Replogle
16. Alma Wise
17. Irvin Gibson
18. Ruth Wiley
19. Orley G. Davis
20. Grace Steele
21. O. S. Dinnes
22. Myrtle Whistler
23. Clifford Windle
24. Frank Bock
25. Emma Dinnes
26. Ethel Whitmer
27. Clarence Mote
28. Wentworth Sharer
29. Myrta Mortimore
30. Chas. Holsinger
31. Bert A. Baker
32. Robt. Mohler
33. Mrs. Clyde Bates
34. U. J. Fike
35. Clyde Bates
36. A. E. Myers
37. Roy Puterbaugh
38. Mabel Etnoyer
39. Mrs. Emma Shively
40. Hazel Kable
41. Maude Whitmer
42. Alma Hollinger
43. Jno. S. Noffsinger
44. Stuart Hamer
45. Edna Shearer
46. Grace Neher
47. Belva Smith
48. Bess Whitman
49. Ruth Mumma
50. Max Sharer
51. Goldie Swartz
52. Florence Wieand
53. Samuel Yohn
54. Mrs. G. W. Blair
55. Marion Snyder
56. Katie Schumaker
57. Ella Neher
58. Viola Burkhart
59. Mrs. Warner
60. Mr. Warner
61. Wm. J. Buckley
62. Harry Zellers
63. Iva Feldkirchner
64. Effa Mitchell
65. Pearl Feldkirchner
66. May Book
67. Grayce Fike
68. Nora Shively
69. Viola Shively
70. Clifford Miller
71. Agnes Shearer
72. Martha Oliver
73. Netta Joseph
74. Mildred Hinds
75. Mary Price
76. Milford Hinds
77. Lola Swift
78. Dan Miller
79. Amon Swope
80. Joseph Nickey
81. George Bock
82. Alice Mortimore
83. John Whitmer
84. Lulu Lutz
85. Ruth Sherrick
86. Dorothy Sherrick
87. Nettie Rieken
88. Grayce Smyth
89. Bessie Cover
90. Mary Cully
91. Lulu Mohler
92. Sarah Spoerlein
93. Erma Switzer
94. Milford Eller
95. Frank Correll
96. Morris Harnley
97. Wm. H. Allen
98. Ray Holsinger
99. Wm. Furniss
100. Harvey Swartz
101. Belle Jenkins
102. Grace Replogle
103. Myrtle Book
104. Jessie Switzer
105. Emma Hewitt
106. Gertrude Sharp
107. Lizzie Fike
108. Mabel Foutz
109. Dora Wagner
110. Alice Gibbel
111. Mary Stouffer
112. Walter Blough
113. Willard B. Goshorn
114. Chas. V. Taylor
115. John Silvins
116. Letta Kapperman
117. Millie Blair
118. Orletta Blair
119. Pauline Eychner
120. Mabel Miller
121. Bess Sharer
122. Vernena Dow
123. Wanda Mortimore
124. Marilla Shook
125. Marguerite Swank
125a. Ethel Studebaker
126. Gail Brubaker
127. Ruth Wine
128. Hazel Bowman
129. Lulu Puterbaugh
130. Ethel Cripe
131. Frank Willifred
132. Ed. McCoy
133. Howard Shaw
134. Verna Blickenstaff
135. Lona Cripe
136. Tressie Fager
137. Ariana Boyer
138. Hazel Yetter
139. Emma Canfield
140. May Miller
141. Bess Kosier
142. Eva Brubaker
143. Maude Stiess
144. Virgil Dierdorff
145. Dayton Klepinger
146. D. Earl Brubaker
147. Logan Sellers
148. Anna Miller
149. Laura Wagner
150. Adelia Long
151. Andrew Butterbaugh
152. Pearl Shire
153. Mabelle Grant
154. Helen Wylie
155. Vinette Mishler
156. Lester Parsons
157. Geo. Williamson
158. Ephraim Gerdes
159. Walter Koeller
160. Edward Rothermel
161. Ernest Hollinger
162. Erratt Diehl
163. Hubert Shaw
164. Mac McCosh
165. Floyd Olson
166. Benj. Reiff
167. Matilda Bock
168. Jean McCosh
169. Ruth Daily
170. Dorsey Blough
171. Clark Wagner
172. Clarence Hamer
173. Mae Dinnes
174. Nora Gouker
175. Clare Irvin
176. Roy Baker
177. Boyd Stouffer
178. Stanley Keltner
179. Joel Vancil
180. Glen Sheller
181. Irvin Smith
182. Clarence Coffman
183. Clarence Gnagey
184. Harvey Spurgeon
185. Arthur Miller
186. Anfield Shiflet
187. Harm Rogers
188. Galen Waite
189. Fred Harris
190. Frank Myers
191. Chas. Gibbel
192. Russel Filburn
193. Arthur Vanimann
194. Clinton Shearer
195. Chester Bishop
196. Buy Summy
197. Mary Beard
198. Claude Marker
199. Clayton Parkinson
200. Harold Hays
201. Modest Long
202. John Mishler
203. Wm. Lewis
204. Glen Erwin
205. Nelson Bechtold
206. Chester Cole
207. Samuel Brown
208. David Wagner
209. Ed. Hoy
210. Harry Stouffer
211. Jacob Shearer

PROF. GEORGE W. FURREY was born near Monticello, Ind., July 4, 1867, and died at Evanston, Ill., June 22, 1926, aged 59 years. His parents moved to Colorado when he was a lad, where he attended school. Later he entered Mount Morris College, where he graduated, and later graduated from the University of Michigan. He then returned to Mount Morris College as teacher of mathematics, which position he held for a number of years, after which he taught in Northwestern Academy at Evanston and in the Chicago public schools. Prof. Furrey married Miss Martha Hershey and they had four children; Margaret, Gladys, Darwin and Joyce.

rie Strickfaden, Elmer Meztger, J. S. Flory, Cora Amick, Leslie Rees, W. S. Sanford, Myrtle Royer, O. G. Brubaker.

1900—Frank C. Scott, B. L. Brayton, William Hohl, Edna Felder, Lizzie Shirk, O. T. Sadler, Frank D. Miller, B. B. Baker, A. B. Keller, E. H. Price, C. K. Burkholder, Reuben Marshall, I. E. Finney.

1901—Oren L. Clapper, Martha McClure, Florence Shaw, Burton Strock.

1902—Nora Arnold, Chas. Holsinger, E. R. Hoover, B. S. Kiester, D. J. Lichty, Minerva Metzger, Alice Moore, Elmer S. Shank, F. F. Suter.

1903—Bertha Brunskill, O. D. Buck, Orpha A. Foft, H. M. Foglesonger, Lloyd Holsinger, Philip Kuhl, Anna Miller, Maud C. Newcomer, Ruth Whitehead.

1904—George W. Blair, Q. O. Gilbert, Elizabeth Griswold, B. F. Heckman, Marie Jasper, G. W. Kieffaber, Harvey Long, Nana B. McNelly, Jennie T. Miller, Eunice Moore, Paul Nickey, Cyrus W. Plum, Ella Royer, W. H. Royer, Levi S. Shively.

1905—Zelda M. Ayres, Kathryn Barkdoll, Robert E. Buser, Demetrius Chirighotis, Minnie Cripe, Ida Cripe, Carrie Eisenbise, Ernest L. Highbarger, Arthur D. Klontz, Eva S. Lichty, Bertha McNett, Ernest O. Palmer, Edgar E. Rothrock, S. H. Sherfy.

1906—Alice Begeman, Jennie Blough, Effie Buckingham, Chas. Cushing, Clyde Davis, R. H. Durborow, Uriah J. Fike, Mattie Lehman, Edith Miles, Ella Miller, Verna Olson, Grace Peacock, Ira Smith, Mary Thomas, Lela Wirt.

1907—Frank S. Barkdoll, Enoch Eby, J. Price Heckman, Mildred Hinds, Edith Knapp, Samuel Long, John I. Marker, Daniel L. Miller, Barbara Nickey, Eva Palmer, Frank H. Senger, Chas. W. Slifer, Ray R. Thomas, Ida Ward, Roy O. Warberg.

1908—Minnie Barnhizer, Benj. F. Buckingham, Ida E. Buckingham, Cornelia A. Crawford, O. Stuart Hamer, Clark M. Heckman, Lloyd T. Motter, Helen Nowe, Roy H. Roberts, Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Chas. W. Sharer.

1909—Estella Arnold, Leo R. Blickenstaff, Helen L. Cushing, Arta L. Demy, Lottie M. Eller, Ernest F. Hanes, Hazel G. Kable, Hazel L. Kretsinger, Arvel A. Landes, Julius A. Lehman, Wm. H. Mey-

PROF. AARON L. CLAIR died March 23, 1911, as a result of injuries received in a saw mill accident at Willard, Wis. He was the son of Preston and Mary Clair and was born on a farm near Lena, Ill., July 25, 1866, and at the time of his untimely death he was nearly 45 years of age. At the age of 23, he entered Mount Morris College, and graduated from the commercial department in 1890. In 1893, he was chosen principal of the department and business manager of the college. He served in this capacity for nine years, and in 1904 he resigned. In 1906, he moved to Willard, Wis., where he met his death. On June 16, 1892, he was married to Elizabeth R. Albright, and they had seven children.

ers, Nora Mae Miller, Arthur E. Myers, Joseph G. Nickey, Cora M. Rebman, Hubert O. Shaw, Samuel L. Whistler, Precious J. Zuck.

1910—Verna Blickenstaff, Frank Bock, Orley G. Davis, Emma Dinnes, Orla S. Dinnes, Irvin J. Gibson, Ernest C. Miller, Clarence C. Mote, David M. Sharer, Viola B. Snively, Grace G. Steele, Goldie E. Swartz, Myrtle E. Whisler, Ethel G. Whitmer, Florence M. Wieand, Clifford C. Windle, Ruth B. Wylie, Samuel J. Yohn, Nora M. Shively.

1911—May E. Dinnes, Alice M. Gibbel, A. Clare Irvin, Dayton P. Klepinger, Martha E. Oliver, Elizabeth Sharer, Gertrude Sharp, Ruth Sherrick, Bessie E. Stimson, Jacob J. Storm, Dora M. Wagner.

1912—Edith Brubaker, Minnie Buckingham, Velma Landis, Arthur Miller, Lorin Mayer, Frances Miller, Illegia Miller, John Mitchell, Harvey Swartz, Erma Switzer, Bertha Tholen, Maurine Wingert, Helen Wylie.

Note—From this point, in addition to the names of four-year graduates, is also given the present location and occupation of each graduate. This information was compiled in July, 1938, and the addresses given are the latest available.

1913—O. Stuart Hamer, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; J. Hugh Heckman, deceased; John S. Noffsinger, 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C., educator; J. B. White, 1701 Archwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn., teacher.

1914—A. J. Brumbaugh, 5630 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., Dean, Univ. of Chicago; W. H. Meyers, Fresno, Calif., R. 7, Box 266, farmer; Frank A. Myers, 265 N. Flint St., Canton, Ill., pastor; David Shorb, Fontanet Courts, 1400 Fairmont S., N.W., Washington, D.C., attorney;

MICHAEL W. EMMERT, son of Theodore and Catherine Wolfe Emmert, was born on a farm north of Mount Morris, March 2, 1870, and died July 21, 1931, aged 61 years. At the age of five, he moved with his parents to a farm near Adel, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. When 18 years of age he entered Mount Morris College and later attended Drake University and Chicago University. He became a minister of the Brethren Church and in 1900 was elected dean of the Bible Department of Mount Morris College, which work he continued for 12 years, after which he became field manager for the college. In 1899, he married Elizabeth Myers, and they had five children: Emery M., Walter Leroy, Viola C. Stone, Marie Brady and Ruth E. Cannon.

PROF. D. D. CULLER died December 3, 1915, at the age of 50 years. He was born near Clay City, Ind., Nov. 11, 1865. After the usual common school education and some teaching in rural schools, he entered Mount Morris College and graduated with the class of 1893. In 1896, he received the degree of Ph.B. from DePauw University, the degree of A.M. from the University of Michigan in 1902, and the degree of Ph.D. from Denver University in 1904. After graduating from DePauw, he taught four years in Mount Morris College, and in 1904 became a member of the management, which obligation he efficiently discharged until a few months before his death. Prof. Culler was married in 1896 to Mina Hoover of Ohio, and to them were born five children. Two died in infancy, and those surviving are Dr. Arthur Merl Culler of Dayton, Ohio; Mary Esther Hazzard of Mount Morris; and Miriam Elizabeth Sperberg of Havana, Cuba.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1929: Front row, Gerald Powers, Verne Guldin, Sherman Bucher, Ralph Bucher, Albert Greve, Harry Royer, Jack Graham, Paul Greene; second row, William Hacker, Merlin Root, John Thomas, Francis Shenefelt, Paul Shenefelt, Willard Powers, Jay Daughenbaugh, Ralph Friesner, Glaydon Miller, Harold Wickler, Everett Brubaker; back row, Fred Parker (coach), Ralph Petry, Russell Lamb, Clell Tarrence, Harold Wold, Stacey Jordan, Earl Boyer, Clarence Yeager, Wilbur Wickert, John Masterson, Harry Long.

BASKETBALL SQUAD, 1929-1930: Front row, John Thomas, Curtis Long; second row, Albert Greve, Clyde Coffman, Donald Mulcay, Vernon Coffman, Jack Graham, Ralph Bucher; back row, Clell Tarrence, Jay Daughenbaugh, Paul Shenefelt, Willard Powers, Stacey Jordan, Paul Greene, Fred Parker (coach).

PROF. M. M. SHERRICK came to Mount Morris in 1906 as professor of modern languages and education. He was born at Three Rivers, Mich., and graduated from Coe College in 1896 and from the University of Michigan in 1902. He taught at Manchester College before coming to Mount Morris and returned there in 1923. He married Minnie Buck in 1892.

Amy Naomi (Trout) White, 1701 Archwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn., teacher.

1915—Leo Blickenstaff, 1720 Crilly St., Chicago, Ill.; H. Walter Blough, Benton, Ill., business; Ruth (Sherrick) Brumbaugh, 5630 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. A. Robinson, 450 95th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., Y.M.C.A. director.

1916—O. W. Neher, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; D. A. Stouffer, Whittier H.S., Whittier, Calif., school supt.

1917—John Barwick, 142 E. Market St., York, Pa., travel service; Homer Blough, Clear Lake, Iowa, pastor; Carol (Miller) Blough, Clear Lake, Iowa; Lewis H. Brumbaugh, 33 Ridge Road, Westminister, Md., college professor; Amos R. Eikenberry, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; Ira H. Frantz, No. Manchester, Ind., minister; Nora (Reber) Hollenberg, 121 Rosedale, Modesta, Calif.; Merlin G. Miller, 1502 W. 15th St., Emporia, Kan., college teacher; Florence (Wieand) Noffsinger, 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C.; Howard Price, deceased; Dorothy Sherrick, 6437 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Chalmer Shull, Vada, Thana District, India; Harlan Smith, 1604 15th St., Eldora, Iowa; J. Elmer Wagoner, deceased.

1918—Hugh Bonar, 916 N. 10th St., Manitowoc, Wis., school supt.; F. J. Byer, 707 W. 3rd St., Williamsburg, Pa.; Forrest Eisenbise, 122 N. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Calif., pastor; Viola (Eisenbise) Gerdes, Sterling, Ill.; I. J. Gibson, Astoria, Ill., teacher; Ethel (Mummert) Gibson, Astoria, Ill.

1918—Harvey Long, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Jennie (Blough) Miller, deceased; Benjamin Summer, Mooreland, Ind., pastor.

1919—J. Howard Blough, 1105 Hershey, Muscatine, Iowa, pastor; Mabel (Miller) Bonar, 916 N. 10th St., Manitowoc, Wis.; Andrew Butterbaugh, deceased; Ralph Fahrney, 721 W. 17th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa, college professor; Irene (Van Dyke) Fierheller, 927 So. Oak Ave., Freeport, Ill.; Velma (Frantz) Gear, Fruita, Colo.; J. W. Lear, Glendora, Calif., pastor; Walter K. Mahan, Rehobeth, Md., farmer; Edna (Kessler) McCann, Jones, Okla.; Elizabeth (Kimmel) Miller, No. English, Iowa; Lawrence A. Miller, N. English, Iowa, physician; Galen B. Royer, Huntingdon, Pa., pastor; Charles Seeley, Oakland, Calif., business; J. Emmert Stover, La Verne, Calif., teacher; Ira Wagenman, 5631 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., teacher; Florence (Wirt) Yohn, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

1920—Elva Brower, 910 Midland Savings Bldg., Denver, Colo., business; Dr. A. M. Culler, 530 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio, physician; Paul J. Gibbel, Gettysburg, Ohio, physician; Forrest A. Miller, North English, Iowa; Etha (Trostle) Neher, No. Manchester, Ind.; Paul Sherrick, 740 N. Wabash, Chicago, Ill., business; Harvey Snell, Riverdale, Calif., principal; Lucille (Royer) Strohm, 603 S. Judson, Ft. Scott, Kansas; Milo Zimmerman, Mount Morris, Ill., business.

MYRTLE ROYER MYERS, daughter of Prof. J. G. and Elizabeth (Reiff) Royer, was born at Monticello, Ind., July 18, 1880, and came with her parents to Mount Morris in 1882. She graduated from the commercial, academic, music and art departments of Mount Morris College and taught music and art in the college from 1900 to 1904. In 1903 she graduated from Chicago Musical College. She sang at many college affairs, led the singing in the Brethren church for many years and trained college glee clubs. She was married in 1904 to Millard R. Myers and they have three children: Sarah Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Gollan), Millard R. and William L. Mrs. Myers is now interested in art and is doing painting in water colors and oil. The family home is at 4380 Central Ave., Western Springs, Ill.

1921—Paul F. Bechtold, Wakarusa, Kansas, salesman; Mae (Hersch) Blough, 1105 Hershey, Muscatine, Iowa; Eugene R. Davis, 420 Wellington St., Waterloo, Iowa; Elsie (Hersch) Davis, 420 Wellington St., Waterloo, Iowa; Russell Dierdorf, Blue Mound, Kansas, pastor; Verda (Herschberger) Gibbel, Gettysburg, Ohio; Galen Lehman, Springfield, Ill., pastor; Lola (Buck) Lizer, Mount Morris, Ill.; Clifford Paul, Lima, Ohio, R. 5, pastor-teacher; O. B. Redenbo, Lyndon, Ill., school supt.; Iva (Wolfe) Riley, Preston, Minn.; Blanche Stauffer, 802 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, Ind., teacher-librarian; Neva (Moust) Summy, Waterloo, Iowa, R. 2; Lutie M. (Sargent) Weaver, Johnstown, Pa., R. 1.

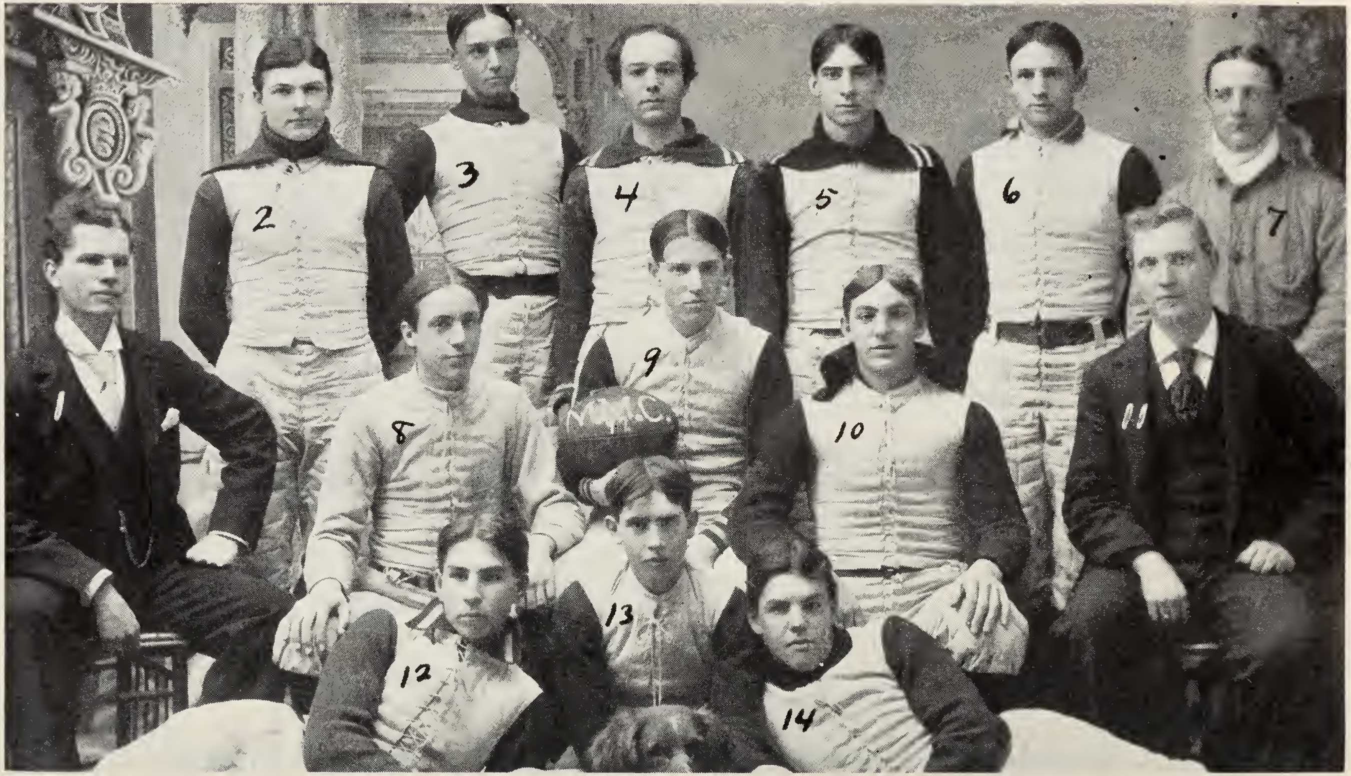
WILLIAM E. WEST came to Mount Morris in 1915 to become business manager of Mount Morris College. Mrs. West served as matron for one year. He was the son of Amos E. and Margaret (Brown) West and was born March 28, 1868, at Batavia, Iowa. He attended country schools in Iowa and a teachers' normal school. He taught country schools for 12 years and engaged in farming in Iowa from 1898 to 1915. After his term of six years as business manager of the college he entered the employ of Kable Brothers Company. He was elected to the ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 1898, and while farming in Iowa he served as pastor of the home church at Ankney, Iowa, for 17 years. In recent years he has served as pastor of the churches at Shannon and Cherry Grove. He served on the Village Board of Trustees from 1918 to 1926. Mr. West was married in 1889 to Ida Jane Miller and they had three children: Orville S., Pearl (Mrs. Curtis McCauley) and a daughter that died in infancy.

GEORGE H. WARWICK came to Mount Morris to take charge of the agriculture department of Mount Morris College and after the closing of the college entered the employ of Kable Brothers Company where he has charge of the storeroom. He is the son of Thos. W. Warwick and was born March 18, 1889, at Wolsey, S.Dak. He married Blanche Taylor and they own their home at 201 Emily St.

1922—Mabel (Hanning) Anderson, Preston, Minn.; Lela (Revis) Andrist, Crosby, N. Dak.; Fannie (Bucher) Becker, 150 S. Vermont Ave., Glendora, Calif.; Vera (Kessler) Garst, Leaf River, Ill.; Joy G. Lichty, 167 Oak Rd., Stow, Ohio, research chemist; Pearl (West) McCauley, Roanoke, Ill.; Bessie (Waddelow) Michael, Mount Morris, Ill.; Grace Miller, Lincoln H.S., Manitowoc, Wis., teacher; Galene J. Myers, Cando, N.Dak.; Harry L. Smith, Beaver, Iowa, business; Mabel Stouffer, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Bennett T. Stutsman, deceased; Esther (Snavely) Wickert, 6414 Pollard St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Ira C. Wickert, 6414 Polard St., Los Angeles, Calif., counselor, city schools.

1923—Emery Emmert, Liberty Road, R. 7, Lexington, Ky., Univ. Prof.; Leota (Herschberger) Fahrney, 721 W. 17th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; Emerson Fike, Rock Falls, Ill., R. 1, farmer; Harold Flory, 702 E. Homer St., Michigan City, Ind.; John S. Flory, Bridgewater, Va.; Paul Gnagey, Orangeville, Ill., school supt.; Ralph Gnagey, Adel, Iowa, business; Vernon Hohnadel, Gratiot, Wis., business; Lloyd F. Hoover, 6409 Sangamon St., Chicago. Ill.; C. G. Kulkarni; Edna (Grove) Lichty, 167 Oak R., Stow, Ohio; Ella (Eikenberry) Lucas, Greene, Iowa; Makanji Patel, 427 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa; Edna (Wolf) Shively, 2110 W. Jackson, Muncie, Ind.; Mabel (Brubaker) Stover, LaVerne, Calif.; Orpha (Frantz) Stutsman, Foosland, Ill., teacher; Ruth Ulrey, 3435 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.; Jane Wingard, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher.

1924—Miriam (Stover) Beery, San Dimas, Calif.; LeRoy Emmert, Townsend, Mont., principal; Irene (Creel) Emmert, Townsend, Mont.; Lee Farringer, 1119 N. 10th St., Phoenix, Ariz., teacher; Anna Hamer, 608 Iowa St., Storm Lake, Iowa,



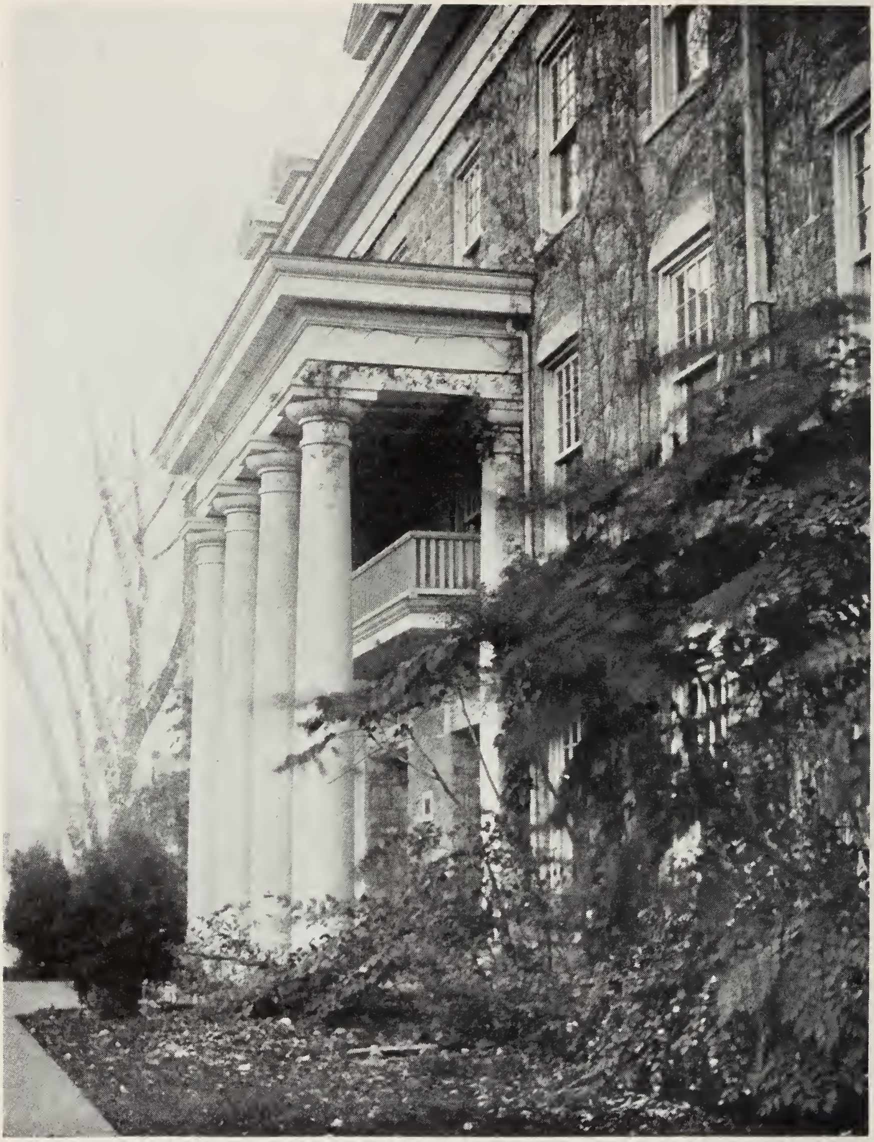
COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1897: (1) Edward Thomas, (2) Thomas Newcomer, (3) David Newcomer, (4) Howard Rinehart, (5) O. T. Sadler, (6) Chas. Rinehart, (7) John Carrick, (8) Dudley McCosh, (9) Jesse Carpenter, (10) Earl Clevidence, (11) Fred Crosby, (12) Verne Roland, (13) Roy Sweeley, (10) Melvin Householder.

UNDEFEATED MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM OF 1910: Top row, left to right, Prof. I. R. Hendrickson (manager), Chas. Holsinger, Roy Baker, Julius Lehman, Dan Miller; middle row, Max Sharer, Mac McCosh, Bert Baker; front row, Wentworth Sharer, Clifford Miller.

college instructor; Esther (Culler) Hazzard, Mount Morris, Ill.; Clarence Heckman, Garkida, Nigeria via Jos, West Africa, missionary; Lucille (Gibson) Heckman, Garkida, Nigeria via Jos, West Africa, missionary; Josephine (Waddelow) Heskett, Odessa, Nebr., teacher; Harold A. Hoff, Mount Morris, Ill., high school supt.; Darwin James McCann, Jones, Okla.; Clair E. Miller, 744 Elm St., Webster City, Iowa, school principal; Margaret (Hersch) Miller, 744 Elm St., Webster City, Iowa; Mildred Miller, 1922 1st Ave. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, librarian; Raymond Pollock, Adel, Iowa, farmer; Galen Russell, Chappaqua, New York, minister; George Saylor, 417 S. Lincoln Ave., Eagle Grove, Iowa; Harry Storey, 601 So. Second St., Fairfield, Iowa; Gayle Wickert, deceased.

1925—Edwin Coffman, 413 B. Ave. East, Albia, Iowa, teacher; Elsie Finckh, Gear, W. Virginia, teacher; Ralph Flory, Naperville, Ill.; Burton Forney, 267 Olive St., Claremont, Calif., teacher; Edith (Bentall) Gnagey, Adel, Iowa; George Grove, South English, Iowa, farmer; Melvin Hill, Leland, Ill.; Mabel (Price) Hoff, Mount Morris, Ill.; Ralph Landes, 324 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.; Fred Miller, Polo, Ill., farmer; Wilbur Ogden, Hillsdale, Ill., school principal; Vera O'Hara, 508 S. 5th St., Effingham, Ill., teacher; D. L. Royer, Adel, Iowa, farmer; Harold Royer, Lassa, via Maiduguri, Nigeria, W. Africa, missionary; Merlin Royer, Dallas Center, Iowa, farmer; Cramer Thomas, Yorkville, Ill., school supt.; Theodore Wiersema, Pontiac, Mich., teacher; Mildred (Zoller) Wieresma, Pontiac, Mich.

1926—Mary Alice (Price) Bechtold, Mount Morris, Ill.; Mary (Swank) Boyd, 28 Magnolia Ave., Sebring, Fla.; Elgin Bucher, Freeport, Ill.; Grace (Pollock) Bucher, deceased; Rankin Creel, 115 N. Roosevelt, Cherokee, Iowa; John B. Fitz, W. Salem, Wis., minister; Robert Fridley, Mount Morris, Ill., farmer; Lelo Gnagey, Chadwick, Ill., school supt.; Horace Hedgecock, Mount Morris, Ill., printer; Russell Hopwood, 328 Bellah Ave., Lindsay, Calif.; Paul Miller, Chehalis, Wash., R. 3; Glen Montz, Emmett, Idaho, pastor; Hugh Moss, Bismarck, Ill., Box 132, teacher; Lester Ogden, Fairdale, Ill., school principal; Earl Saylor, 3626 Richmond Blvd., Oakland, Calif., printer; James Stover, Wenatchee, Wash., business; Paul B. Studebaker, Modesta, Calif., pastor; Stella (Starr) Swank, Brighton, Fla.; Lois (Lichty) Thomas, Yorkville, Ill.; Darrel Toms, Mount Morris, Ill.; Pauline (Fike) Werner, Milledgeville,



CHARMING view of the north entrance of "Old Sandstone." This building was erected in 1853, was remodeled in 1895 and was gutted by fire on Jan. 15, 1912. It was rebuilt immediately and greatly improved from an architectural standpoint. Then again the building was partially destroyed in the disastrous fire of April 12, 1931, but was restored without a great deal of expense.

Ill.; Walter Zimmerman, McCracken, Kansas, care R. E. Nubel.

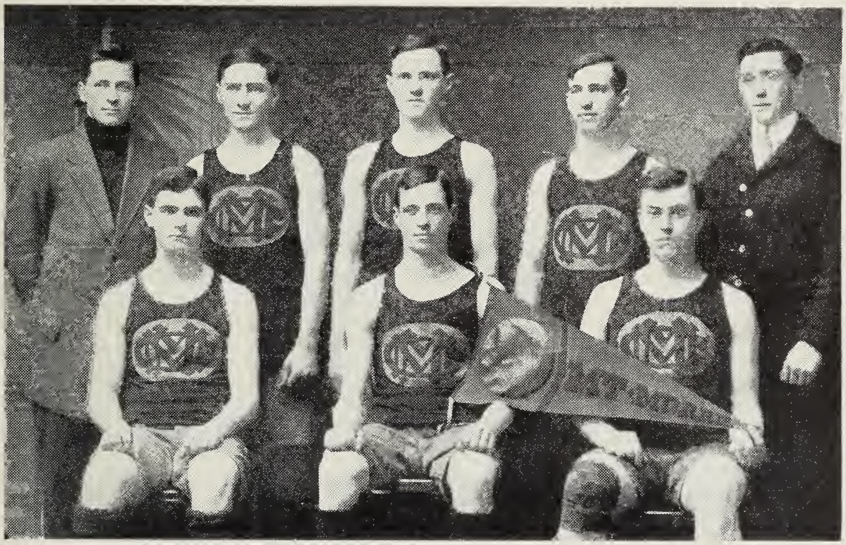
1927—Otto Baldwin, Edgewood, Ill., teacher; Clarence Denekas, Kings, Ill., minister; Earl M. Edwards, 123 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, Ill., pastor; Helen (Hoak) Eikenberry, 511 5th Ave., Sterling, Ill.; John Glawe, Yorkville, Ill., teacher; Irene (Royer) Glawe, Yorkville, Ill.; Ruth Glessner, Camington, N.Dak., nurse; Eldo R. Henricks, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Hazel Messer, Dahanu Rd., Thana Dist., India, missionary; Blanche (Snell) Miller, Polo, Ill.; Wayne Pagles, Rockford, Ill.; Silvia (Miller) Reed, deceased; Gladys (Hawbaker) Royer, Lassa, via Maiduguri, Nigeria, West Africa.

1927—Bertha Sanford, Ashton, Ill.; Ralph Sanford, Ashton, Ill., farmer; Cecil Sell, Parnell, Mo., pastor-teacher; Ethel (Wingard) Taylor, Glasgow, Mont.

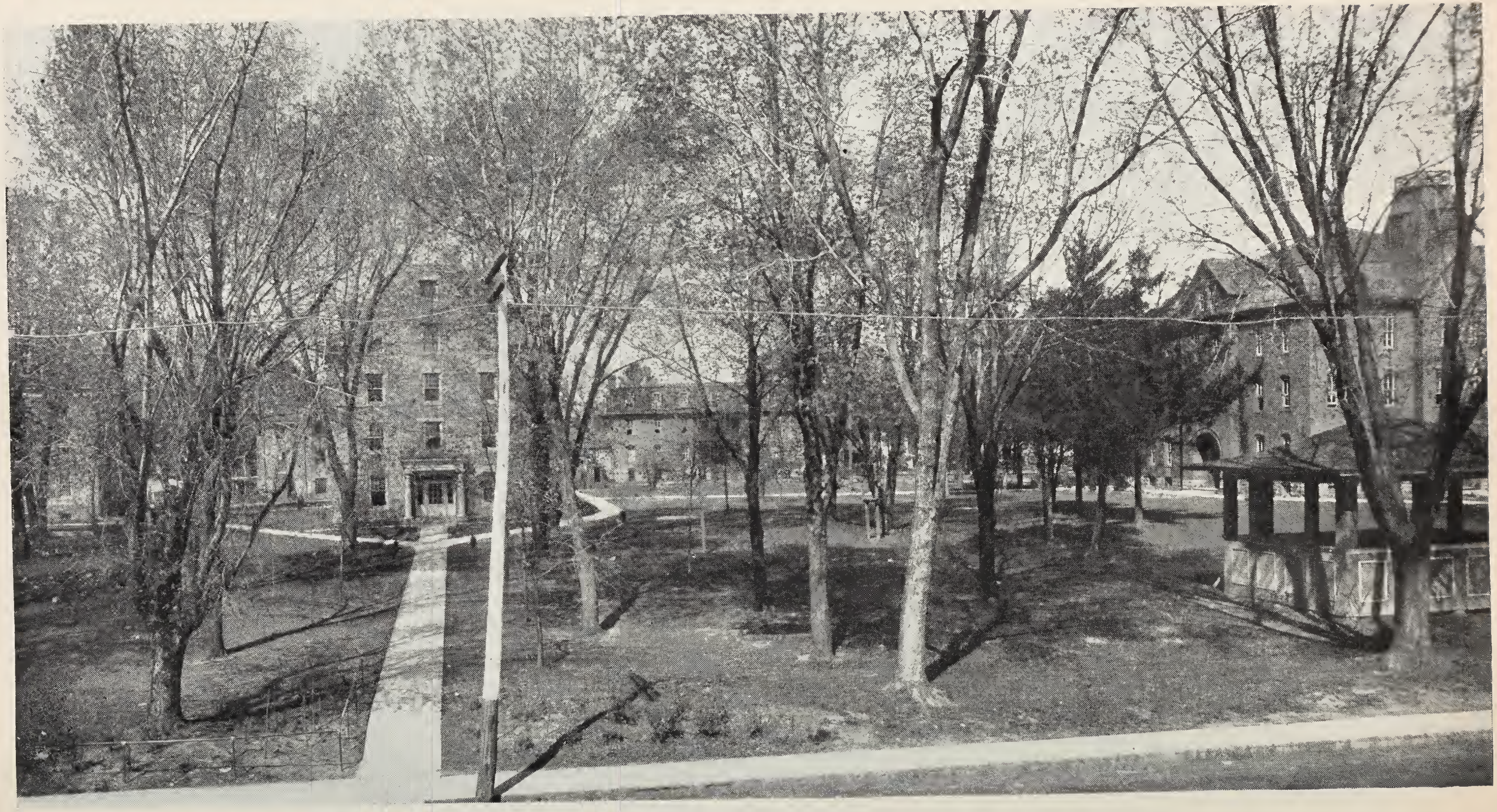
1928—Harold Bower, Hartsburg, Ill., teacher; Anna May Gans, Kline, W.Va., missionary-teacher; Merle Hawbecker, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Ruth (Butler) Hayes, Kings, Ill.; Clarence R. Hodge, Lake Geneva, Wis., school supt.; Rubye (Mitchell) McCauley, Freeport, Ill., R. 1; Merlyn Miller, No. English Iowa; Milo Mook, 127 S. Mercer St., New Wilmington, Pa., pastor; Faye Racop, Lawrenceville, Ill., farmer; Marie (Royer) Racop, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Percy Paul Ralston, Sheldon, Iowa, farmer; Ray Schechter, 7722 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill., business; Maude Sharp, Fredericksburg, Iowa, teacher; Grover Stroh, Davis, Ill.; Edward Thomas, Oregon, Ill., farmer; Florine (Redenbo) Thomas, Oregon, Ill.; Theodore Thomas, Oregon, Ill., farmer; Eva Trostle, deceased; Theodore Watne, Shabbona, Ill., school supt.; Russell Weller, Keystone, Ind., teacher-paster; Florine Wickert, 1918 S. 5th St., Springfield, Ill., business; Mary Willis, Linden, Wis., writer; Martha (Hamer) Wingerd, Elkhart, Iowa; Paul Wingerd, Elkhart, Iowa, pastor; Lydia Wirt, Lewiston, Minn., teacher; Mabelle Woessner, Shannon, Ill.; Richard Woy, Cordova, Ill., teacher.

1929—Ellsworth Coffman, So. English, Iowa; Lois (Royer) Colwell, Fontanelle, Iowa; Gladys Heckman, Mt. Olive, Ill., teacher; Mildred (Starr) Harner, 3515 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.; Clara (Lehman) Long, Mount Morris, Ill.; Helen G. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa, R. 2; Tressie Myers, Kinross, Iowa; Erma (Kerr) Petry, Rock Lake, N.Dak.; Wendell W. Rolston, Hampshire, Ill., farmer; Mary Saylor, Elgin, Ill., nurse; Anna (Ralston) Schecter, 7722 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Stacy Shenton, 1548 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa, pastor; D. C. Snider, Franklin Grove, Ill., business; Emerson Stitzel, Dakota, Ill., teacher; Ivy (McNutt) Vought, 11 S. Austin Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; Lyle Wheeler, Claremont Hotel, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

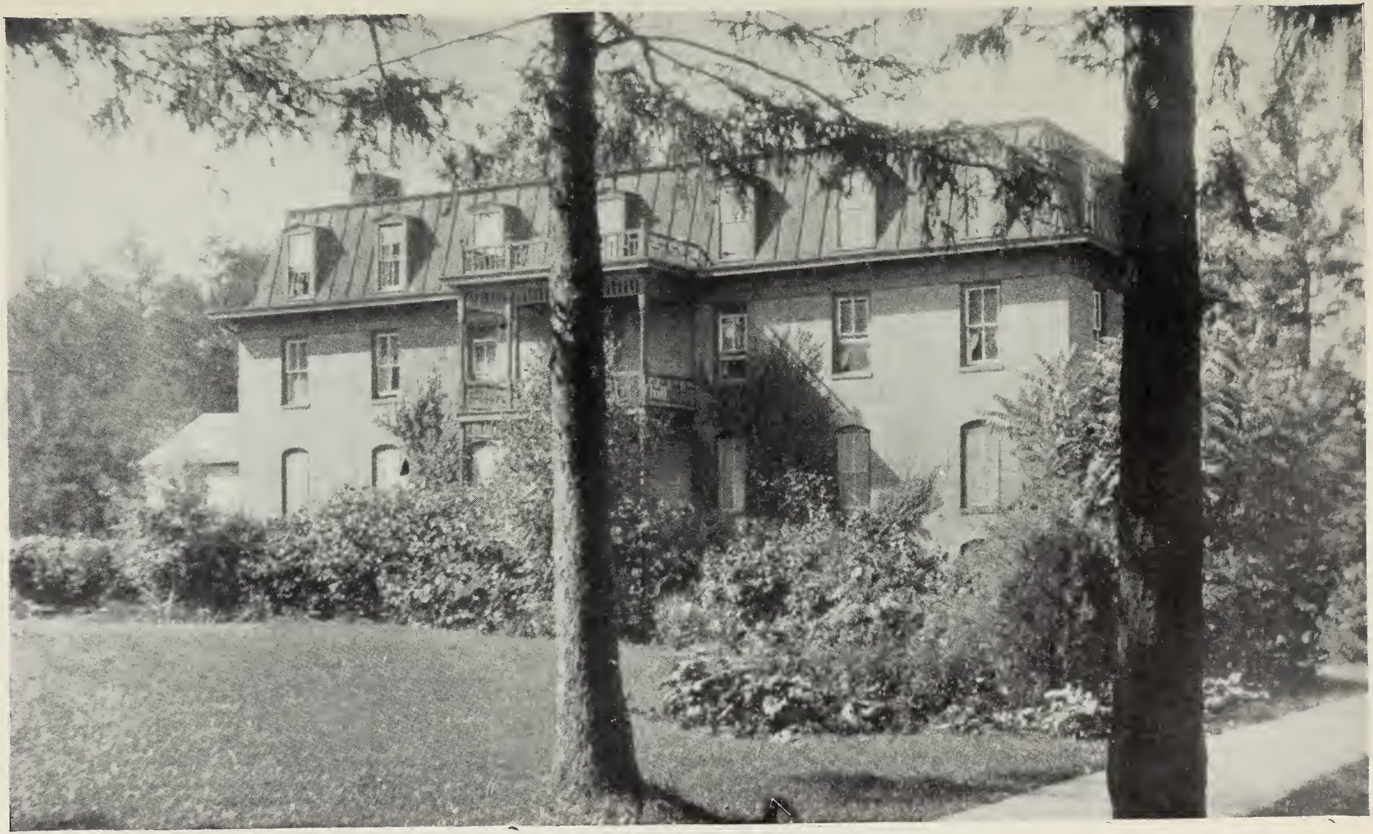
1930—Noble A. Bolinger, Rock Island, Ill., pastor; Bertha A. (Snell) Bucher, Bradford, Ill.; Ralph G. Bucher, Bradford, Ill.; D. L. Butler, Eldora Iowa, R. 2, farmer; M. H. Diehl, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Jesse George Fridley, Mount Morris, Ill., farmer; Ralph



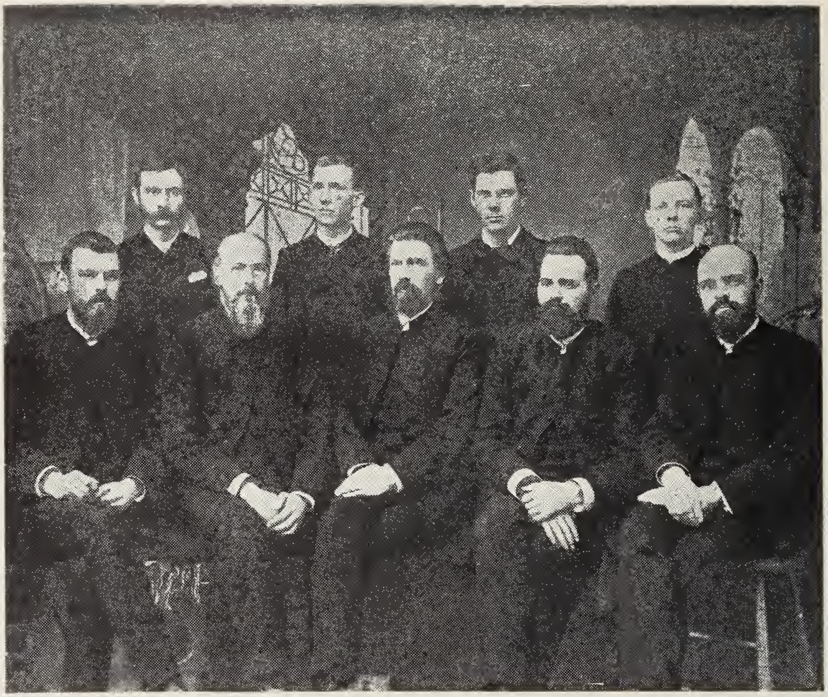
BASKET BALL TEAM of Mount Morris College, season of 1911-12. Left to right, sitting, Emmert Wolf, Raymond Stouffer, Everett Wilson; standing, Robert Mohler (manager), Harvey Swartz, Murray Welty, Ralph Mahoy, Ray Baker (coach).



A GENERAL VIEW of the campus of Mount Morris College a few years before the great fire of 1912. There are five buildings in this picture, but only small portions of the gymnasium and boys' dormitory can be seen at the extreme left.



THIS BUILDING, known as "Ladies' Hall," was erected in 1893 at a cost of about $10,000.00. It was completely destroyed by fire on April 12, 1931.



FACULTY OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE about the year 1886. Front row, left to right, Galen B. Royer, S. Z. Sharp, J. G. Royer, E. A. Orr and E. S. Young; second row, Prof. J. B. Middleton, F. W. Hanawalt, Prof. J. C. Hanschett and James Neff.

Friesner, Houston, Tex.; J. Peter Graham, 46 School Sqdn., Randolph Field, Texas, U.S. Army Air Corps; Verne Guldin, Orangeville, Ill., farmer; James L. Hay, Oregon, Ill., farmer; Nellie Mae (Avey) Johnson, Wakefield, Mich.; Jefferson Mathis, Norborne, Mo., pastor; Melissa McMulin, Albia, Iowa, R. 4, teacher; Ruth Messer, 6039 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lester Nunn, Mount Morris, Ill.; Ralph R. Petry, Rock Lake, N.Dak., pastor; Gerald S. Powers, Mount Morris, Ill.; Glorynne (Hill) Root, Mount Morris, Ill.; Francis Shenefelt, Polo, Ill., farmer; Pauline (Stutsman) Stitzel, Dakota, Ill.

1931—A. Lynn Brower, So. English, Iowa; Albert C. Greve, Astoria, Ill.; Ethel (Sanford) Hardesty, Ashton, Ill.; John I. Masterson, Forreston, Ill. school principal; Helen I. Miller, 1216 W. Bethune, Detroit, Mich., business; Mary O'Hara, Iowa City, Iowa, care State University, nurse; Nelson Rittenhouse, Mount Morris, Ill., business; W. C. Sell, 300 Northern Ave., W. Kettnning, Pa., evangelist; Harold Wilson, Mount Morris, Ill.; Marie Thompson, 215 Madison Ave., Dixon, Ill., teacher.

1932—Ruth Bowers, 4110 Midway Ave., Dayton, Ohio; Alice (Emmert) Brown, Annapolis, Md.; Mark Burner, Preston, Minn., R. 2, pastor; Ruby (Thompson) Burner, Preston, Minn., R. 2, teacher; Doris Butterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.; Mildred (Bruce) Capps, Forreston, Ill.; Nina (Coffman) Pfouts, Franklin Grove, Ill., teacher; Raymond Cram, 717 W. Pleasant Ave., Freeport, Ill., salesman; Ferne Duffey, Cando, N.Dak., teacher; Samuel Garber, Leon, Iowa, farmer; Glaydon Miller, Mount Morris, Ill.; Margaret (Long) Mitchell, Mount Morris, Ill.; Pauline (Trostle) Montz, 2427 3rd St., LaVerne, Calif.; Willard Powers, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Virginia (Hagaman) Rittenhouse, Mount Morris, Ill.; Merlin Root, Mount Morris, Ill.; Edwin J. Schrock, 805 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa, business; Roy T. Steinhagen, Leaf River, Ill., farmer; Clell Tarrence, Leon, Iowa, farmer; John O. Thomas, Oregon, Ill.; Paul J. Shenefelt, Polo, Ill.; Josephine (Glavincheff) Nash, Chicago, Ill.; Crawford Mendenhall, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Gertrude (Zuck) Diehl, Mount Morris, Ill.

PROFESSORS OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

AN alphabetical list of members of the faculty of Mount Morris College during the last 30 years of the school's existence shows an astonishing number of names of professors who as a general rule stayed only for short periods. Perhaps this is explained by the fact that the College was not financially able to pay fancy salaries and these teachers stayed only until more lucrative positions were available elsewhere.

D. FRANK ADAMS, B.S., Professor of Agriculture, 1920.

NOAH H. ALLAMAN, Arithmetic, 1909.

MARY E. ARMOUR, B.S., Instructor in Voice and Physical Education for Girls, 1928.

ETTA ARNOLD, Preceptress, 1914-1915.

PAUL BECHTOLD, Assistant Instructor in History, 1918.

GENEVIEVE BERGSTRESSER, B.S., A.M., Professor of History, 1917.

W. O. BECKNER, A.M., B.D., Dean of the College and Professor of Bible, 1924-25.

LEON F. BEERY, Voice, Piano and Theory, 1913-15.

BARTON G. D. BISHOPP, B.S., Agricultural Sciences and Chemistry, 1904.

MARION F. BLISS, B.O., Expression and English, 1914-15.

H. WALTER BLOUGH, Physical Director, 1909-10.

NOBLE A. BOLINGER, B.A., Instructor in Printing, 1928-29.

HUGH BONAR, A.B., Bookkeeping, 1918.

LORRAINE BROWN THOMAS, A.B., B.Mus., Piano, 1922-32.

ORA GEORGE BRUBAKER, Physiology, 1907-1908.

A. J. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Mount Morris College, 1914; A.M., University of Chicago, 1918; President Mount Morris College, 1921-25.

GREEK CLASS at Mount Morris College in 1889: Back row, E. J. Zern, Reuben Cart, Tobias Diekhoff, I. N. Brubaker, Lydia Hanawalt; Middle row, J. E. Miller, T. T. Myers, Prof. E. J. Shaw, N. R. Baker, O. Perry Hoover; Front row, J. Z. Gilbert, W. B. Stover. Of this group, Zern, Diekhoff, Brubaker, Hanawalt, Myers, Shaw, Hoover and Stover are dead. Myers and Hoover both died while members of the faculty of Juniata College. Baker has just retired from school work after 50 years of service. He was a leader in education in Alabama. Gilbert has been teaching science for years at Los Angeles and has made a great record in discovering and studying prehistoric remains in California. Diekhoff was on the German faculty of Michigan University from 1893 until his recent death. He was slated to become head of the German department at the time of his death.

FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1928: Front row, Charles Hunt, Ralph Bucher, Roger Niman, Everett Johnson, Clyde Coffman, Carl Terpening, Ralph Petry, Harold Jepson, Everett Wright; second row, Clarence Van Antwerp, (coach), Lawrence Ralston, D. N. Crickette, Warren Shook, Wendell Ralston, Albert Greve, Ralph Friesner, Ellsworth Coffman: third row, Henry Brammon, Paul Shenefelt, Milton Guyer, Harry Messenger, Glenn Moore, Gerald Powers, Francis Shenefelt, Jay Daughenbaugh, Orlo Auman; back row, Verne Guldin, Nelson Rittenhouse, James Hay, Walter Frady, Roy Brady, Stacey Anderson, Paul Greene, Glaydon Miller.

L. H. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Mount Morris College, 1917; A.M., University of Chicago, 1919; B.D., Yale University, 1920. Professor of Bible, 1919.

RUTH S. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Professor of Expression and English, 1915-17.

ANDREW BUTTERBAUGH, Instructor in Manual Training, 1918.

W. ARTHUR CABLE, A.B., Ph.B., Professor of Public Speaking, 1921-22.

CHARLOTTE CIPRIANI, Docteur de l'Universite de Paris (Lettres), Professor of Modern Languages, 1920-22.

ROBERT C. CLARK, A.B., B.S., Dean of the Department of Agriculture, 1919-22.

A. R. COFFMAN, M.A., M.Th., Professor of Bible, 1926-32.

IRENE CREEL, Instructor in Subfreshman Ancient History, 1923.

DAVID D. CULLER, Ph.B., DePauw University, 1896; A.M., University of Michigan, 1902; Ph.D., Denver University, 1904. English, 1904-15.

MRS. MINA CULLER, Dean of Women, 1918-1931.

MARY CULLEY, Shorthand and typing, 1914.

C. ERNEST DAVIS, B.S.L., M.A., President of Mount Morris College, 1929-31.

L. M. DeARVIL, Instructor in Band and Orchestral Instruments, 1923-24.

MARGARET ANN DeVOL, B.S., Instructor in Home Economics, 1929-30.

JOHN L. DICKSON, A.M., B.D., Pastor of Mount Morris M.E. Church, and professor of Philosophy, 1924.

ROY DILLING, Professor of Voice, 1920-21.

JOHN L. DONALDSON, Ph.D., Professor of History and Political Science, 1915.

CHARLOTTE EASTON, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1918-1919.

E. C. EDWARDS, instructor in public speaking, 1926.

A. R. EIKENBERRY, A.B., Acting Professor of Agriculture, 1917-18.

FLORENCE R. ELWELL, A.M., Professor of Greek and Latin, 1915.

M. W. EMMERT, A.B., D.D., Professor, 1904-22; Financial Agent, 1922-26.

EFFIE EPTON, Ph.B., Expression and Rhetoric, 1910.

MIRIAM FACKLER, A.M., Professor of English and Public Speaking, 1925-27.

RALPH R. FAHRNEY, A.M., Professor of History and Political Science, 1922-24.

URIAH J. FIKE, A.B., Biology, 1913-14.

J. A. FOLEY, B.S., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education, 1925.

VELMA FRANTZ, A.B., Typewriting, 1919.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FURREY, Ph. B., Mathematic, Physics and Philosophy, 1904-08.

PETER GLAVINCHEF, M.S., Registrar and Professor of Chemistry, 1922-32.

MABEL GOSHORN, preceptress, 1909.

FRANCES K. GOULD, A.M., Professor of English, 1920-22.

MARY J. GOURLEY, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1914-16.

ELINOR GRANT, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1907-08.

JEANETTE GREGG, Voice, Theory, Chorus work and Piano, 1905.

STUART HAMER, Geography, 1910.

AGNES HANMER, Voice, Piano, Harmony, History, 1910.

VIVIAN YVONNE HARNLY, B.A., Director of Physical Education for women and instructor in speech, 1929-31.

HERBERT L. HART, A.M., Professor of Biology and Director of Physical Education, 1922-23.

W. L. HARTER, A.B., Professor of Agriculture, 1915-17.

KATHERINE HAWBECKER, Instructor in Domestic Science, 1914-16.

HEBER M. HAYS, Ph.D., Professor of English and French, 1917.

ESTHER HAZZARD, B.A., Professor of Home Economics, 1928.

JOHN H. HEDGCOCK, B.S., Professor of Agriculture, 1923.

E. R. HENRICKS, B.A., Business Manager and Treasurer, and Assistant Professor of Education, 1928-32.

IRA R. HENDRICKSON, Ph. B., History and Latin, 1904-1915.

MRS. IRA R. HENDRICKSON, Art, Drawing and Penmanship, 1910-24.

JENNIE MAY HIATT, M.A., Professor of Modern Language, 1926-28.

ERNEST L. HIGHBARGER, A.B., Professor of Greek and Latin, 1917-18.

MRS. W. E. HILL, Instructor in Music, 1918-19.

MILDRED E. HINDS, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1916-18.

HAROLD HOFF, Instructor in Subfreshman Physics, 1922-23.

ALMA HOLLINGER, Arithmetic, 1910.

AGNES MARY HOLLISTER, Mus.B., Professor of Piano, 1920.

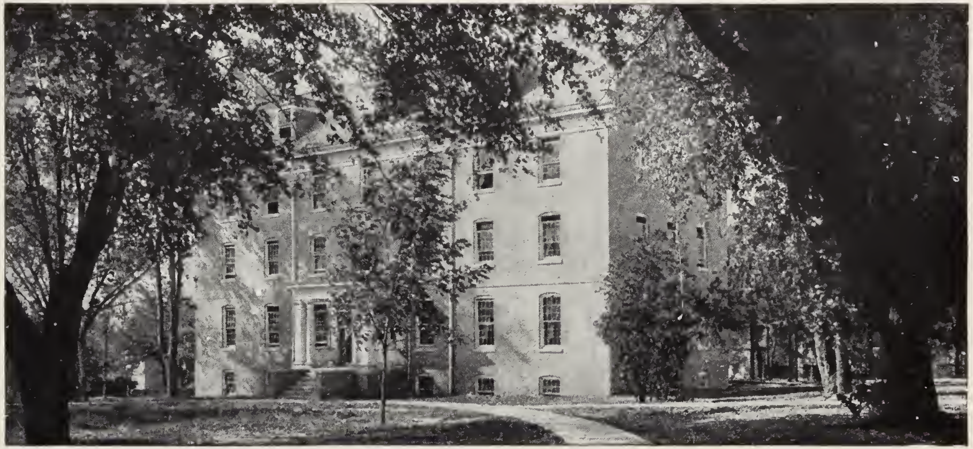
EVA M. HOLMAN, Voice, Chorus, Piano, Harmony and History of Music, 1907.

HAROLD S. HULBERT, Science, 1909.

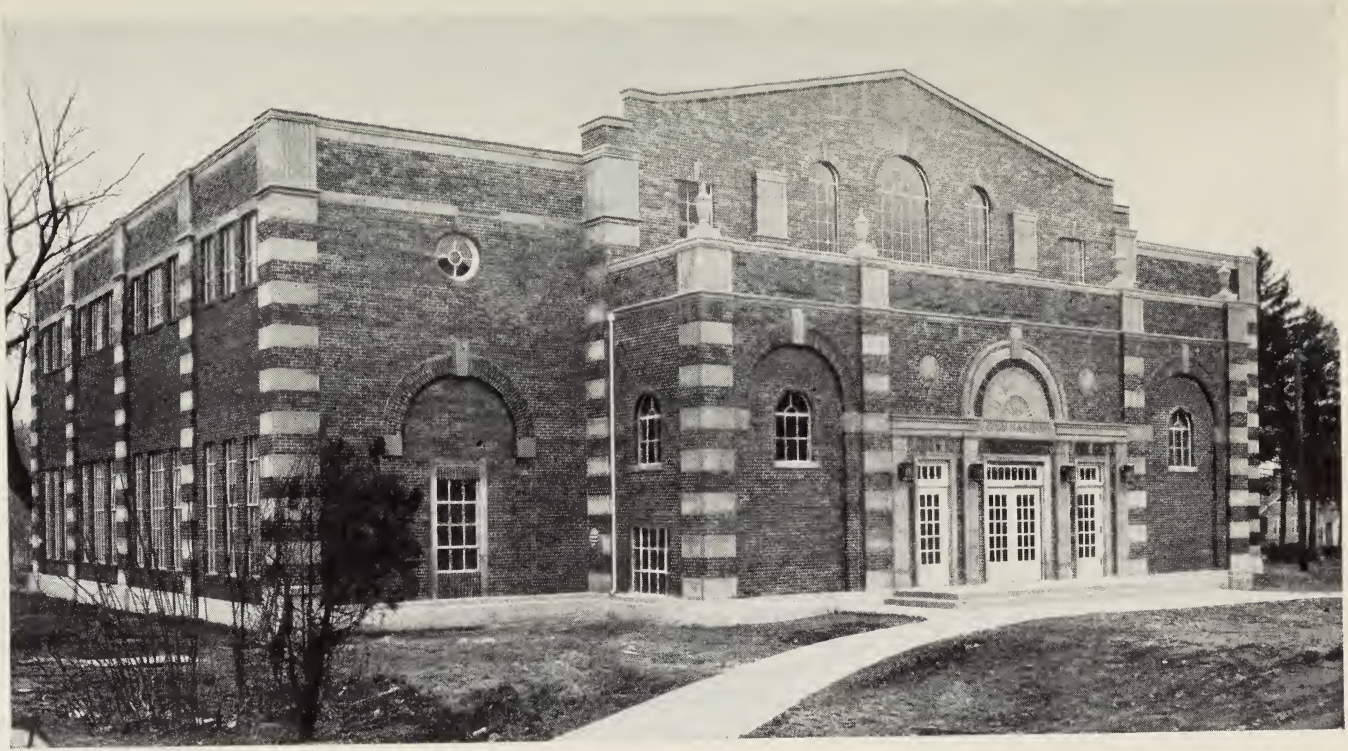
EDWIN D. HULL, B.S., M.S., Professor of Biology, 1919.

MARGUERITE JENKINS, A.B., A.M., Professor of English and Public Speaking, 1923-25.

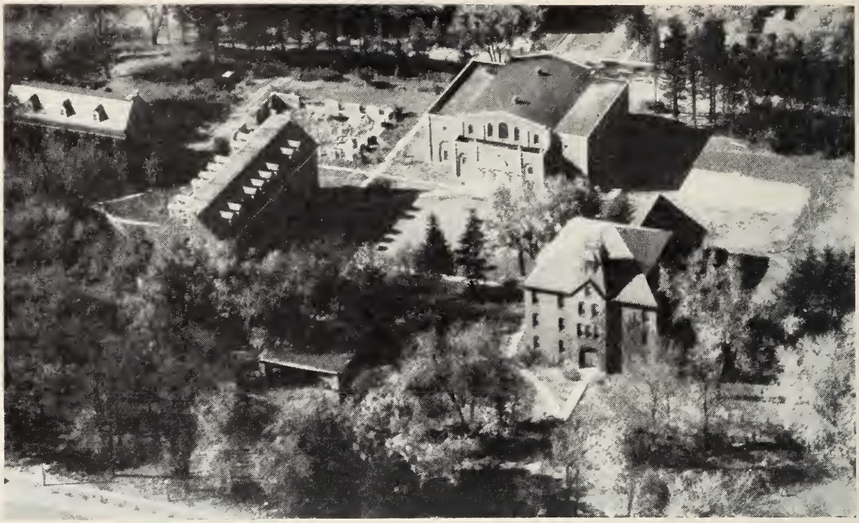
MEN'S GLEE CLUB, 1930-1931: Front row, Robert Royer, Glenn Grove, Robert Grey, Prof. J. Leslie Pierce (director), Sylvan Arnold, Clarence Yeager, Elmer Butler; second row, Lynn Brower, Everett Falconer, Harly Mikesell, Nelson Potter, Charles Solyom, Harold Wilson; back row, Clell Tarrence, Sherman Bucher, Wayne Carr, Everett Brubaker, Edwin Schrock.



THIS BUILDING was erected in 1912 as a boys' dormitory at a cost of approximately $20,000.00. It was occupied for the first time in April, 1913. The building had accommodations for about fifty students. After the college closed, the building was purchased by Mrs. Edith Kable and converted into a modern apartment house, with accommodations for fifteen families.



THIS COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM was built in 1932 at a cost of approximately $50,000. It was erected by Mount Morris College to take the place of the gymnasium which was destroyed by fire in 1931. Kable Brothers Company donated $25,000.00 toward the building and the citizens of Mount Morris and friends of the college donated the balance. This building has a large gymnasium floor and stage, with a swimming pool and locker room in the basement. After the college closed, the building became the property of Kable Brothers Company but was later donated to the Village of Mount Morris, together with a strip of land running from Seminary Ave. to Wesley Ave.



AIRPLANE view of Mount Morris College campus, showing the ruins of the old gymnasium and the new gymnasium to the right.

HARLAN B. KAUFFMAN, A.B., Instructor in Latin, 1917.

CHARLES KELTNER, Agriculture and Geology, 1910-15.

GEORGE KIEFFABER, Grammar, 1910.

ESTHER KLOTZSCHE, A.B., Professor of Home Economics, 1922-24.

ELIZABETH KRAFKA, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1920-21.

JOHN A. LANGSTON, A.B., M.S., Professor of Chemistry, 1919.

EUNICE P. LAUER, B.S., Instructor in Home Economics, 1921.

GUSTAV A. LAUTERBACH, M.Acc't, Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Drawing and Penmanship, 1905-06.

GLADYS LEAVELL, A.B., Chemistry, Physics and Domestic Science, 1914.

H. L. LEWIS, instructor in typewriting, 1921.

EDITH M. LING, Mus.G., Instructor in Piano and Theory, 1913-18.

ROY LITTLE, A.B., English and Geography, 1914.

WILLIAM S. LIVENGOOD, Jr., A.B., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education, 1926-27.

LUCILE LONG, M.A., Professor of English, 1928-32.

ROY LONG, B. ACCTS., Head of Commercial Department, 1918.

A. B. LOVE, B.S., Instructor in Agriculture, 1921-22.

WALTER K. MAHAN, A.B., Instructor in Spanish, 1916-19.

MRS. EVA DAVIS-MARTIN, Voice, Theory, Chorus Work and Piano, 1906.

DARWIN J. McCANN, Instructor in Bookkeeping, 1921.

MRS. EDNA McNEEL, Oil, Water Color, Pastel, 1908-09.

CHARLES A. MENDENHALL, Instructor in Band and Orchestra Instruments, 1922.

CAROL MILLER, Instructor of Physics, 1915-16.

CLAIR MILLER, Instructor in Subfreshman American History, 1923.

E. G. MILLER, Zanerian College, M.M.C., Penmanship and Drawing, 1904-07.

MRS. E. S. MILLER, A.B., A.M., Professor of Modern Languages, 1923.

JOHN EZRA MILLER, A.M., President and professor of Greek and Latin, 1904-15.

KATHERINE MILLER, Instructor in Voice and Theory, 1913-18.

MERLIN G. MILLER, A.B., Professor of History and Political Science, 1924-27.

NORMAN J. MILLER, B.S., Biological Sciences, 1904-05.

EFFA B. MITCHELL, Instructor in Piano, 1916-17.

ROBERT E. MOHLER, A.B., Physical Director, Education, 1909-13.

VERA MOORE, M.A., Professor of Latin and French, 1931-32.

C. S. MORRIS, A.M., Professor of Mathematics and Physics, 1915-16.

LILLIAN H. K. MORRIS, Critic Teacher, 1923-24.

FRANCIS MYERS, Instructor in Music, 1919-21.

GALENE MYERS, History, 1921.

LOIS MYERS, A.B., Professor of Modern Languages, 1924-26.

LURA ELOISE NEFF, Piano, Harmony, Counterpoint, Composition and History of Music, 1904-08.

O. W. NEHER, M.S., Professor of Biological Sciences and Dean of Men. President, 1928-29.

V. GRACE NEHER, B.Acc'ts, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1913.

J. S. NOFFSINGER, A.M., President and Professor of Education, 1915-18.

ULYSSES C. NYE, B.Mus., Piano and Harmony, Director of Music, 1909-13.

W. L. OGDEN, M.S., Professor of Mathematics, 1928-32.

H. FREDERICK PARKER, B.S., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education for Men, 1929-1932.

MARGARET M. PEALE, A.B., Professor of Domestic Science, 1920.

W. W. PETERS, A.M., President and Professor of Education, 1925-28.

JOHN LESLIE PIERCE, B.A., Instructor in Voice, 1930-31.

FRANCES PROWANT, Instructor in Algebra, 1918.

ROY H. PUTERBAUGH, Commercial Law, 1908-09.

H. S. RANDOLPH, A.M., Professor of Bible, 1919.

H. HERBERT RATCLIFF, A.B., Science and Agriculture, 1905-07.

LESLIE E. REES, A.B., Greek and Latin, 1904-05.

BESS M. REITZEL, A.B., Professor of Home Economics, 1925-27.

MRS. BONNIE BAIRD REPLOGLE, Voice, Piano and History of Music, 1908-10.

F. G. REPLOGLE, B.Accts., Principal of Commercial Department, 1915-17.

VIVIAN RETZLAFF, M.A., Professor of Modern Languages, 1929-31.

BERTHA ANN REUTER, A.M., Professor of History, 1916-17.

EDNA M. ROBINSON, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of English, 1917-1919.

WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, A.B., M.Acc'ts, Principal of Commercial Department. Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1915.

MIRIAM ROSE, Voice, Theory and Chorus Work, 1904.

MIRIAM ROSECRANS, Instructor in Latin, 1918.

ELLA E. RUEBHAUSEN, B.S., Ph.D., Professor and Head of Modern Language Department, 1917-19.

RACHAEL SANDERS, B.S., Instructor in Domestic Science, 1919.

JENNIE SELLERS, Preceptress, 1910.

WENTWORTH SHARER, A.B., Director of Athletics, 1919.

SAMUEL H. SHERFEY, A.B., Biology, 1906-10.

EARL E. SHERFF, A.B., Science, 1907-08.

DOROTHY M. SHERRICK, A.B., Instructor in Voice, 1922.

MARVIN MANAN SHERRICK, A.M., Litt. D., L.H.D., Registrar and Professor of Philosophy, 1906-22.

ARTHUR W. SHIVELY, M.A., Dean and Professor of Education, 1928-32.

GLADYS S. SHIVELY, M.A., Instructor in Education, 1928-32.

LEVI S. SHIVELY, A.M., Ph.D., Dean and Professor of Mathematics and Physics. President, 1918-21.

SARAH S. SHUTT, Instructor in Shorthand and Typewriting, 1918.

FLORENCE M. SHUTTS, Instructor in Music, 1918-19.

ANDREW N. SMITH, B.S., Dean of Men and Professor of Agriculture, 1924.

W. HARLAN SMITH, A.B., Instructor in Algebra, 1919.

ELIZABETH SNIDER, Expression, 1909.

FRED E. SORRENSON, A.B., Expression and English, 1913.

ADALINE STANLEY, A.B., A.M., Professor of English, 1919.

D. A. STOUFFER, Coach, 1914-16.

M. E. STOUFFER, Instructor in Penmanship, 1916-17.

J. EMMERT STOVER, A.B., B.D., Instructor in Voice and Glee Clubs and Librarian, 1926-27.

WILBUR BRENNER STOVER, A.B., D.D., Professor of Missions, 1921.

GROVER T. STROH, Instructor of Voice and Glee Club, 1925.

HARVEY P. SWARTZ, Physical Director, 1914.

LOLA SWIFT, United States History, 1909.

OLIVE SWIFT, Orthography, 1910.

AMMON SWOPE, A.B., Mathematics and Physics, 1912.

CHARLES V. TAYLOR, Penmanship, 1908-09.

FAY TIETSWORTH, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1905-06.

AMY TROUT, A.B., Mathematics, Physics and Latin, 1914-15.

C. O. VAN ANTWERP, B.A., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education, 1927-29.

JAMES F. VAN ANTWERP, A.B., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education; Assistant Instructor in Physics, 1924.

IRENE VAN DYKE, A.B., Instructor in Public Speaking, 1917-19.

B. F. WAMPLER, Instructor in Voice, 1919.

DAVID F. WARNER, Arithmetic and Grammar, 1909.

GEORGE H. WARWICK, M.S., M.Di., Dean of the Department of Agriculture, 1925-32.

FORREST L. WELLER, M.A., Professor of History and Sociology, 1928-32.

RUSSELL WELLER, Manual Arts, 1927.

JOHN B. WHITE, A.M., Professor of History, and Principal of Academy, 1918-22.

MISS RUTH WHITEHEAD, M.Accts., Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1904.

GROVER L. WINE, B.A., B.D., Pastor of Mount Morris Church of the Brethren and Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, 1922-28.

JANE WINGARD, B.A., Critic Teacher, 1925-31.

MRS. IRA WINGERT, Oil, Water Color, Pastel and Pyrography, 1904-07.

J. RUSSEL WINSLOW, B.S., Professor of Chemistry, 1920.

ALMA WISE, Preceptress, 1913.

JOHN WOODARD, B.S., in Agr., M.A., Professor of Agriculture, 1918-19.

M. VELN YEAW, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1904.

PAUL J. YOE, B.S., Instructor in Mechanical Drawing, 1928.

MRS. NETTIE YOUNG, Preceptress, 1907-09.

MILO D. ZIMMERMAN, A.B., Instructor in Mathematics and Latin, 1920.

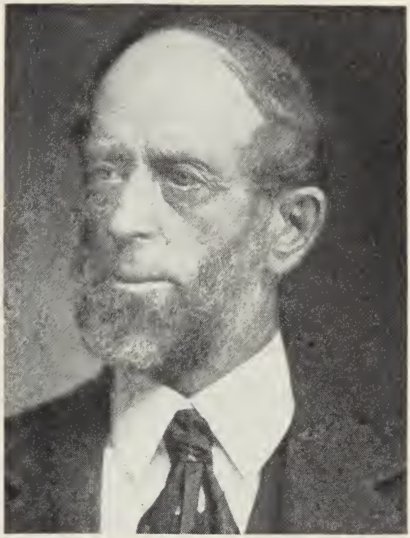
MILDRED T. ZOLLER, Instructor in Voice; Director of Women's and Men's Glee Clubs; Director of Girls' Athletics, 1923-25.

Chapter 7

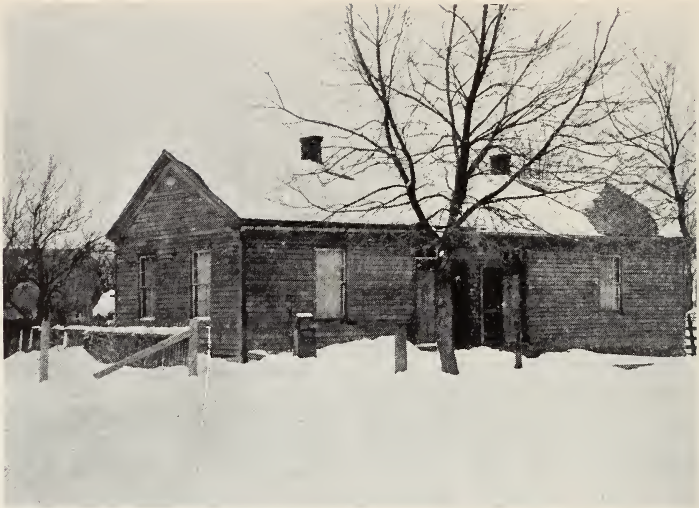
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AS mentioned already in this volume, the first settlers of Mount Morris Township were deeply interested in the cause of education, and were determined that their children should not want for educational privileges. In conformity with these views, Messrs. Hitt and Swingley engaged A. Quinby Allen to accompany them west, when they returned for their families in 1837. Soon after they established a school, with Mr. Allen as teacher, in an old log-house which they erected in the grove about eighty rods southwest of the former residence of D. J. Pinckney, later known as the Lohafer home. This house was torn down many years ago. It was the first school in this section of the country, and was called the Pine Creek Grammar School, under which rather pretentious title it was the first step toward the founding of Rock River Seminary.

The pupils in this school numbered twenty-six, among whom were Margaret C. Hitt, John W. Hitt, George Hitt, Andrew W. Hitt, Joseph Hitt, John Hitt, Robert S. Hitt, Robert R. Hitt, Martin R. M. Wallace, Elizabeth Reynolds, Caroline M. Reynolds, Ann E. Ankney, Urilla Swingley, John H. Swingley, Upton Swingley, Augustus H. Ankney, Ann M. Ankney, Clinton Helm, James C. T. Phelps, James Reynolds, the Worden boys, Richard McClain's children, Nathaniel A. Ankney and Peter Householder. The school continued under the direction of Mr. Allen for nearly a year, during which time the scheme of locating the Rock River Seminary here was accomplished. As is noted elsewhere, the first term of the seminary opened in November, 1840. In the spring of 1841, the Pine Creek Grammar School was taken under the wing of the seminary, being conducted under the management of Mrs. Fannie Russell, as the primary department of that institution. For some reason it was discontinued in



A. QUINBY ALLEN, teacher, surveyor and auctioneer, taught the first public school opened in Mount Morris. It was known as the Pine Creek Grammar School and was the nucleus from which Rock River Seminary was established. He was the son of Capt. Isaac and Mary Allen, and was born Oct. 4, 1814, at Little Britain, Pa. He came to Mount Morris in 1838 and taught school until 1841 when he returned to the east and was married to Elizabeth Swingley, daughter of Michael Swingley. They came to Mount Morris in 1845 and became the parents of seven children as follows: Samuel, Mary (Mrs. Menzo Keith), Emma J. (Mrs. Will Cosgrove), Lydia W., Robert Q., Edwin J. and Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert McClure). Mr. Allen became a very prominent citizen of Mount Morris and for 18 years served as County Surveyor of Ogle County. He passed away in 1883 at the age of 69 and Mrs. Allen died March 19, 1900, aged 77 years.



THIS frame building was the first public school house in Mount Morris. It was built about the year 1845 and used until the present stone building was erected in 1868. It was later used for many years as a residence by Wm. H. Miller, who tore it down in 1900 to make way for a new home.

1843. The sessions were held in the basement, in one part of which was the culinary department of the seminary.

For several years after the discontinuance of the primary department of the seminary, private schools, generally of a short duration, were conducted at different houses in the village. Mrs. Ellen Trine remembered of having attended school at five different places. One was in an old house, then owned by Mrs. Fellows, on Main Street. This was a select school taught by a Miss Bennett. There was another select school taught by Mrs. Stuff, the wife of a Methodist minister, on the lower floor of the old Masonic Hall, on Wesley Street. The other three which Mrs. Trine attended were the ones in Daniel Eversole's house, the Crofts school, and the district school in the old house torn down by W. H. Miller. Further mention is made of these three.

Another school of which some of our older citizens had a slight memory was one taught by a Miss Franklinberry and held in the basement of Blair's Hotel. Henry Sharer remembers a small frame building, standing just west of Blair's Hotel, in which a school was taught at an early day. A. Quinby Allen taught school in a house during the winter of 1845-'46. Probably a number of other private schools were conducted during the forties and fifties, but little can be learned concerning them.

After the primary department of the seminary had been closed, one of the first schools to start up for the enlightenment of the juvenile portion of Mount Morris was held in the main part of the old residence which stood across the street south of the Village Hall and which was used for many years as a residence by Daniel Eversole, on the corner of McKendrie and Center Streets. In this old house school was held for about two years, during which time the following were among the teachers: L. Bell, Major Woodcock and his sister Miss Sarah Woodcock, and James Ransom. There were probably twelve or fifteen pupils in attendance, among whom were N. A. Ankney and Mrs. Ellen Trine. The old house was also used for a number of years as a wagon-shop, and an upstairs room frequently served the Odd Fellows as a lodge-room.

Probably the first school supported by the regular means of taxation was that held in a house on Main Street. Later it was occupied as a residence by William H. Miller, who tore it down in the spring of 1900 to make room for a new residence. The information concerning the old house is exceedingly obscure, and the little which could be found was gleaned from a score of sources, and may contain some errors. As nearly as can be ascertained, the house was built especially for school purposes either in 1845 or 1846, only a few years after the building of the McFarland house, mention of which is made elsewhere. The building was quite long and narrow, and was divided by a light board partition into two equal apartments, one for the younger and one for the more advanced pupils. Here it was that many early citizens of Mount Morris gained their education and spent many pleasant hours of their early lives,

> *"Some upon their books intent,*
> *But more on furtive mischief bent."*

The latter part of the quotation was true to a great extent if credit can be given to the laughable stories now related by many of the former pupils. The school continued in the rather hampered quarters afforded by the old house for probably over a score of years. The rooms were very much crowded at the last, so much so that in the summer time visitors would be astonished to find boys sitting on the stove for want of better seats.

Thomas C. Williams was one of the mischievous boys who attended the school; and one day, probably for amusement during some tiresome hour, he copied the names of every pupil attending at that time into his spelling book, one name along the inside margin of each page. With the exception of three or four all of the names are easily legible, and are as follows: Frank Mumma, William McCoy, William H. Miller, William Newcomer, Arthur Newcomer, Harley Hedges, Benj. Hedges, Milton Neff, David McCoy, Lewis Davis, Frank Knodle, Edwin Allen, Samuel Rohrer, Edwin Newcomer, Merritt Pinckney, John Warburton, Edwin Knodle, Frank Baker, Douglas Hedges, Charles Knodle, James Wertz, C. Farwell, Frank Black, Ortho Davis, Clayton Startzman, Ed. Startzman, Calvin Middlekauff, David Warburton, John McCosh, Scott McCosh, Melvin Knodle, Ed. Sharp, "Den" Householder,

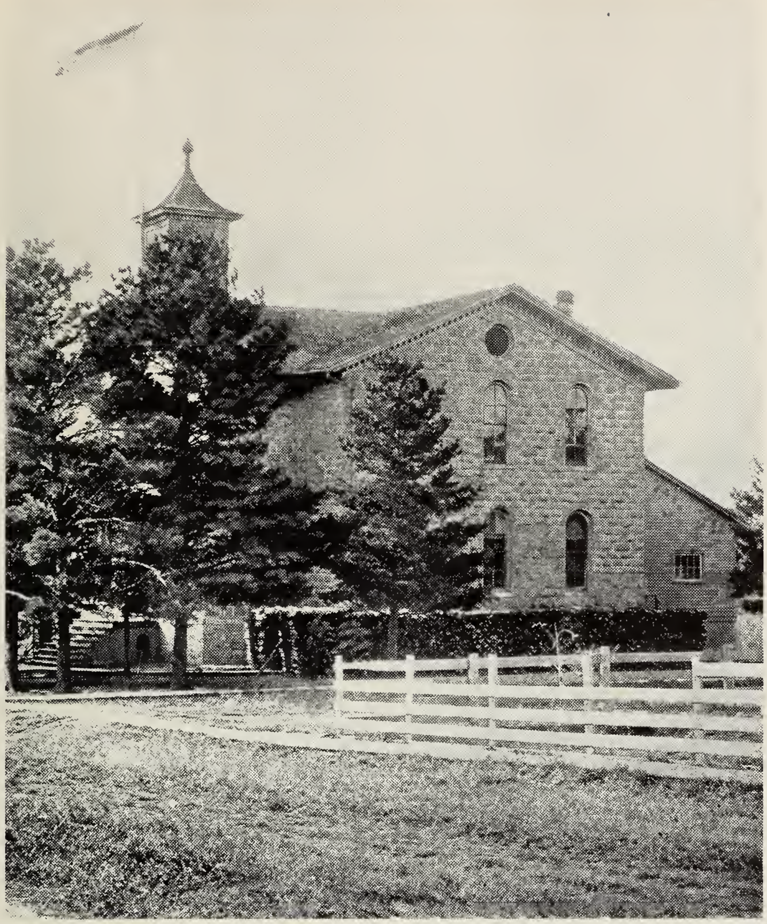
THIS old house, which formerly stood on the corner south of the Village Hall, was used for a school house for several years in the early forties before any public school building had been erected. It was used as a residence for many years by Daniel Eversole.

MRS. FRANCES E. CRAWFORD taught in the public school in Mount Morris for nearly forty years. Her maiden name was Frances Hoverland and she was born July 27, 1842, near Springville, N.Y., and died in Mount Morris, March 13, 1922, aged nearly 80 years. She prepared for teaching and came to Ogle County in 1862, first teaching at Byron and then coming to Mount Morris in 1864. She was principal of the Mount Morris Public School for the next seven years, and it was during this period that the present stone building was erected. She then left Mount Morris for five years, teaching at Egan City and Baileyville, but returned in 1879 and taught continuously in the public school until she retired in 1903. During her many years of continuous teaching, Mrs. Crawford taught many pupils who later had their children pass under her instruction. In 1873, she married Chas. Crawford, and they adopted a daughter, Cornelia, now wife of Adolph Jindra. Mr. Crawford died April 1, 1925.

George Coffman, Thomas Williams, Ella Funk (Mrs. H. J. Griswold), Alice Pond (Mrs. Knodle, of Aurora), Ida Newcomer (Mrs. Knodle), Lottie Rohrer (Mrs. William Newcomer), Ida Pinckney (Mrs. Ed. Butt), Eliza Ohr (Mrs. Forbes, of Iowa), Libbie Allen (Mrs. R. D. McClure), Arbanna Middlekauff (Mrs. N. E. Buser), Follie Brayton (Mrs. W. M. Gilbert, State Center, Iowa), Lillie Brayton (Mrs. W. H. Miller), Sarah Ohr (Mrs. Follet), Josie Hays (Mrs. Wise), Laura Neff (first wife of A. S. McCoy), Josie Cheney, Mary Hedges, Lizzie Guy, Susie Typer. Besides the foregoing list a number of others might be noted: Mattie Middlekauff, Charles Allen, Mary Allen, Robert Q. Allen, Cashus Crowell, A. W. Brayton, John Davis, Solomon Nikirk, Thomas and James Neff, Waldo and George Cheney, Lillie and Jennie Knodle, the McCoy and the Stewart boys, and others too numerous to mention.

A complete record of the teachers who taught this school is not obtainable. Among them were A. Quinby Allen, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Shultnee, Mr. Cross, John Page, with Hannah Cheney (who later married Mr. Page) as assistant; Holly Allen (father of Charles H. Allen), James Allen (a brother of Holly Allen), Enoch Coffman, Miss Sibyl Sammis (later married to Andrew Hitt), Miss Helen Coffman, Miss Hattie Little (Mrs. Samuel Middour), Miss Christina Coffman, Daniel Rohrer, Morris Gaffin, Maggie Fouke, Miss Miles, and the

MRS. FLORENCE E. STEPHENS taught in the public school in Mount Morris for many years, starting in the old frame building on East Main St., and continuing in the new stone building when it was erected in 1868. Her maiden name was Florence E. Hoverland and she was born Oct. 6, 1849, at Springfield, N.Y. In 1865, she came to Mount Morris with her sister, Frances Hoverland (Mrs. Crawford) and the two sisters took charge of the public school. In the early seventies, she married Dr. Benj. G. Stephens, a well-known physician of Mount Morris. There were four children: Frances E. (deceased), Dollie, George E., and Hugh E. Mrs. Stephens passed away in 1930 at Kansas City, aged 81 years.



THIS IS THE WAY the public school building looked in 1900. Note the small frame addition at the rear and the long rows of cordwood on hand for fuel. This building was erected in 1868 at a cost of $10,000.

Misses Frances and Florence Hoverland (who later married Charles Crawford and Dr. B. G. Stephens respectively).

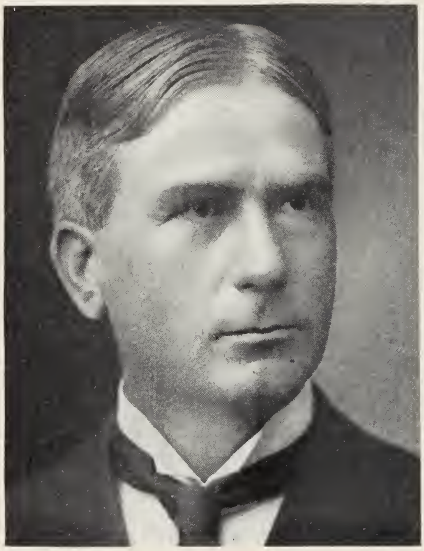
Miss Frances Hoverland took charge of the senior room in 1864, and a little later prevailed upon the school board to allow her to write to the east for her sister, Florence, to take the other room, in place of Miss Miles who could not handle the mischievous urchins. These two ladies continued teaching in the old house until the present stone structure was built. Frances, later Mrs. Crawford, had a hand in the teaching of nearly every boy and girl who went through the school, for the remarkably long period of not less than thirty-five years. Children whose parents were disciplined by her in the old schoolhouse many years later passed under her instruction. Her sister, Florence (Mrs. Stephens) had almost a parallel record.

Many interesting reminiscences can be related concerning the old school days in the Miller house. As is invariably the case, there were numerous mischievous spirits among the boys and girls, and their pranks are still remembered by those who were contemporaneous with those "glorious old times." Mrs. Crawford related a story of how two boys determined to have a vacation from study by hiding all day in the loft, which was merely a little cubbyhole, with neither light nor ventilation. When she arrived at the schoolhouse in the morning—a hot summer day—some of the scholars were building a roaring fire in the stove, and, when questioned, significantly put their fingers to their lips and looked toward the loft. She took in the situation at once and helped the joke along by allowing the boys to remain in the loft and keeping up a good fire to make a healthy heat in the usually hot apartment above. At noon Mrs. Crawford and her sister went through the form of leaving the schoolhouse by walking heavily to the door and opening and closing it, but remaining inside. Imagine the looks on the boys' faces as they slid down from the loft and found them waiting! No further punishment was deemed necessary.

When Holly Allen was teaching, Ed. Allen, later a successful auctioneer of Mount Morris, was an attendant. One day when about to be punished for some misdemeanor, he made a dash for the door and down the road. The teacher, however, proved the better athlete and succeeded in running him down and bringing him back, which caused some entertainment for the school, the nature of which may easily be surmised. C. C. Crowell was a pretty lively scholar, and on more than one occasion had to stand on one leg for punishment. He remembers that one noon the boys knocked off a half dozen yards of plastering and threw the chunks about the room until the white dust obscured the view. Penalty—a licking and three weeks in at recess.

The partition between the two rooms was made of loose boards, which the boys could easily remove on special occasions. At the end of every term the school gave an exhibition, when miscellaneous programs were participated in by the scholars, and on such occasions the partition was removed.

Besides being an old schoolhouse, the Miller building had the honor of once serving as a meetinghouse. Immediately, after it was built, the Rev. N. J. Stroh, who was stationed at Oregon, came up every two weeks and preached in it for the Lutherans. The church records are lost, but there is reason to believe that it was used more or less by the Lutherans for a place of worship until the new brick churchhouse, now belonging to the Christian denomination, was built in 1854. Rev. A. A. Trimper preached in the old house and probably Rev. Nicholas Burkett. Later, in the sixties, long after the brick churchhouse had been built, a number of the Lutherans,—Rev. Rufus Smith, Daniel Sprecher, some of the Hedges,



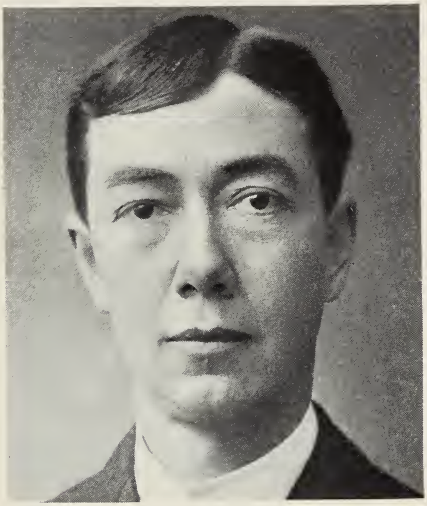
HORACE G. KAUFFMAN died in January, 1920, at the age of 65 years. He was born July 31, 1855, at Greencastle, Pa., where he attended the public schools. He attended the Pennsylvania State Normal School and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1876, he became principal of the Mount Morris Public School for a period of three years, then resigned to study law, but returned as principal at Mount Morris from 1884 to 1889. He was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1893, and located at Oregon to practice law. In 1876 Mr. Kauffman was married to Rebecca Harlan Brice of Sunbury, Pa., who died April 8, 1929. They had one son, Harlan B. Kauffman, born in Mount Morris in 1891, who died Sept. 14, 1932. Horace and Rebecca Kauffman edited an Ogle County history of two volumes in 1909.

and others,—became dissatisfied with the progress of affairs in the church and a split occurred, and the bolters started to hold meetings of their own in the old schoolhouse. This branch existed for a time but soon died out.

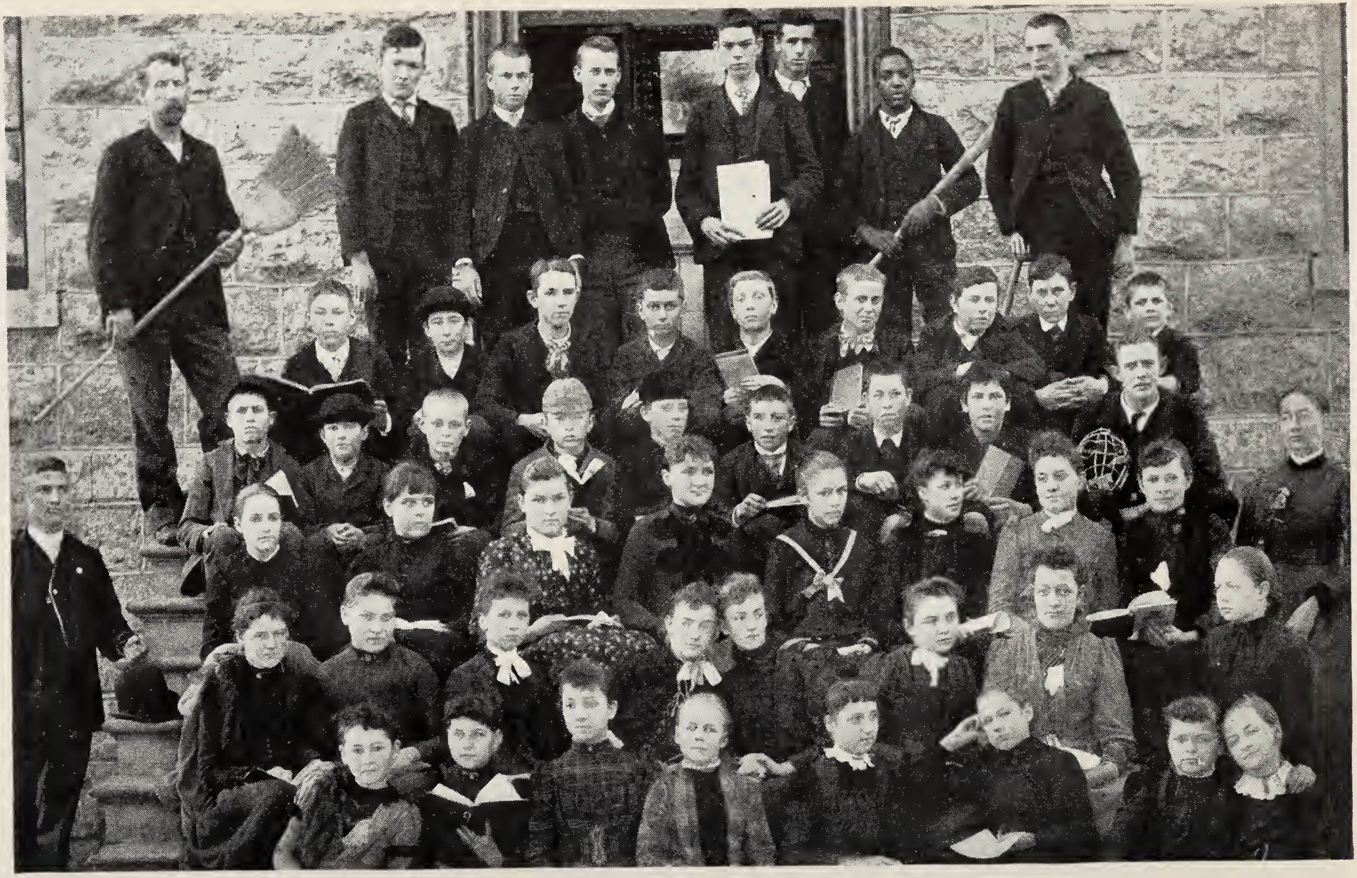
In 1882, William H. Miller purchased the house, and after residing in it for eighteen years, erected in its place a fine modern residence.

Another old school building was the McFarland house, which stood on Mulberry Street, and for many years was occupied as a residence by Mrs. Susan Heminger, until the spring of 1900, when it was purchased by Elder D. L. Miller, and torn down to make room for his residence.

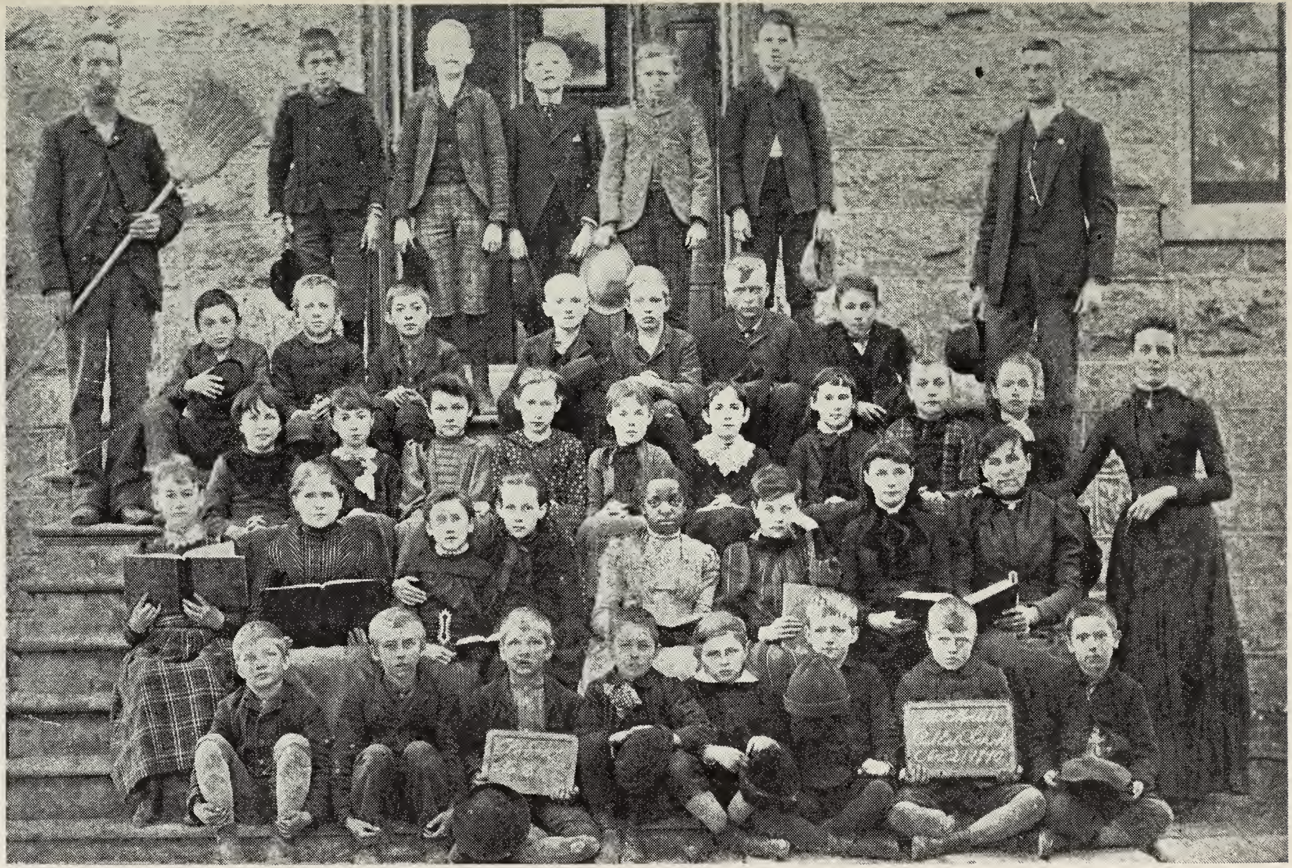
The old house was built in the spring of 1841 by Samuel McFarland, of Boonsboro, Md., and at the time of its erection Mount Morris was yet in its extreme infancy. Mr. McFarland moved into the house after its completion and resided there with his family for a number of years. In the meantime, a number of other houses were built and immigrants began to come in rapidly from the east. Among the arrivals during the summer after the house was completed was a party in which were Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, of Boonsboro, Md., who brought with them a complete printing outfit. They rented the north wing of the McFarland house, and there began the publication of the *Rock River Register,* the first paper printed in Ogle County, a complete account of which is given in the chapter upon the press. After the removal of the printing-office from the house in 1842, the old house is lost sight of for nearly twenty years, but it is naturally supposed that it was simply used as a residence, and occupied by probably a dozen different families for shorter or longer periods. In 1853 it came into the possession of a schoolteacher, an old lady by the name of Crofts—Mrs. Emmeline Crofts, mother of the Rev. George W. Crofts, who later had charge of the Congregational church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In about the year 1860, or possibly earlier, Mrs. Crofts started a private school in the front room of the old house, using the remainder of it for living rooms. Owing to the crowded condition of the public school, then being held in the Miller house, she soon gathered in twenty-five or thirty scholars, mostly among the smaller children, and proceeded to "enlighten" them. Many of our old citizens received their first instruction under her. Among them were A. W. Brayton, William Stewart, Mrs. John Walker, and a score of others. Mr. Brayton remembered her rather novel method of distributing reward cards. The room formerly used as the *Register* office was used by her as a bedroom, and there on her bed she would spread out the reward cards, of which there were some very nice ones for the brightest students, and others not quite so pleasing. After



ALFONZO G. NEWCOMER was principal of the Mount Morris Public School from January to June, 1889, because of the illness of Horace G. Kauffman, who was hired for the position. Prof. Newcomer was the son of Henry F. and Elizabeth Ann (Knodle) Newcomer and was born Sept. 13, 1864, at Mount Morris. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and Mount Morris College and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1887. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Cornell University in 1888. After graduation he taught two years at Knox College, and in 1891 he became professor of English Literature at Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, Calif., where he made a fine record. Mr. Newcomer married Carrie M. Jackson of Oregon in 1887, and they had two children, Erval J. and Mabel. The daughter has been an instructor at Vassar College for a number of years. Mr. Newcomer died in 1913.



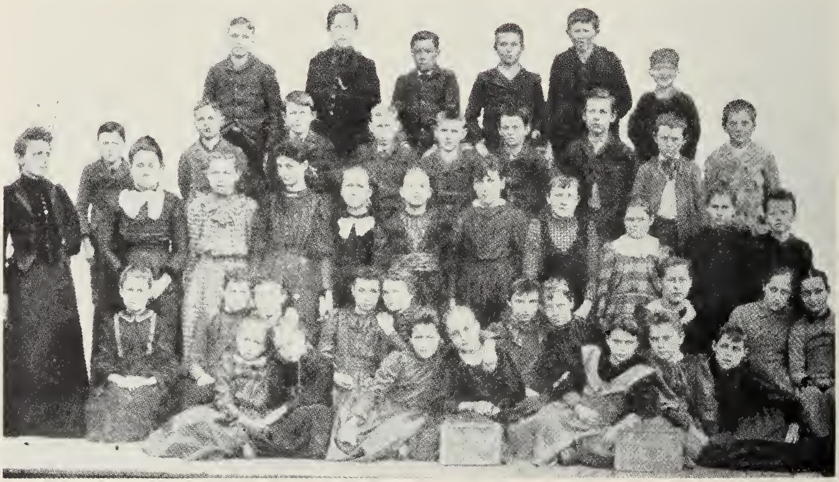
OLD-TIME SCHOOL PICTURE TAKEN ABOUT THE YEAR 1890: Back row, left to right: Janitor Robert Crosby, Lee Watkins, Roy Householder, Bert Thomas, John Jimmerson, Frank Baker, Joe Granger, Benton Kinsey; second row, Lester Smith, George Schelling, George Toms, Will Myers, Fred Crosby, Luther Potter, Howard Newcomer, Ben Price, Hugh Stephens; third row, Otho Baker, Bert Sprecher, Charley Eshelman, Alvis McCoy, Louis Brayton, Lester Steck, Jim McCoy, Earl Householder, Carl Cheney; fourth row, Flora Wolf, Nora Fouke, Ivy Watkins, Elizabeth Griswold, Maud McClure, Maud Knodle, Lulu Koontz, Pearl Williams; fifth row, Anna Easton, Anita Holsinger, Susie Baker, Mae Ankney, Kittie Sprecher, Floy Buser, Jennie Keplinger, Mary McClure; bottom row, Maud Withers, Lulu Kable, Nellie Myers, Emma Plate, Edith Hanstine, Flora Thomas, Pearl Buser, Cora Amick; Prof. T. E. DeButts at left; Miss Alice J. Boone at right.



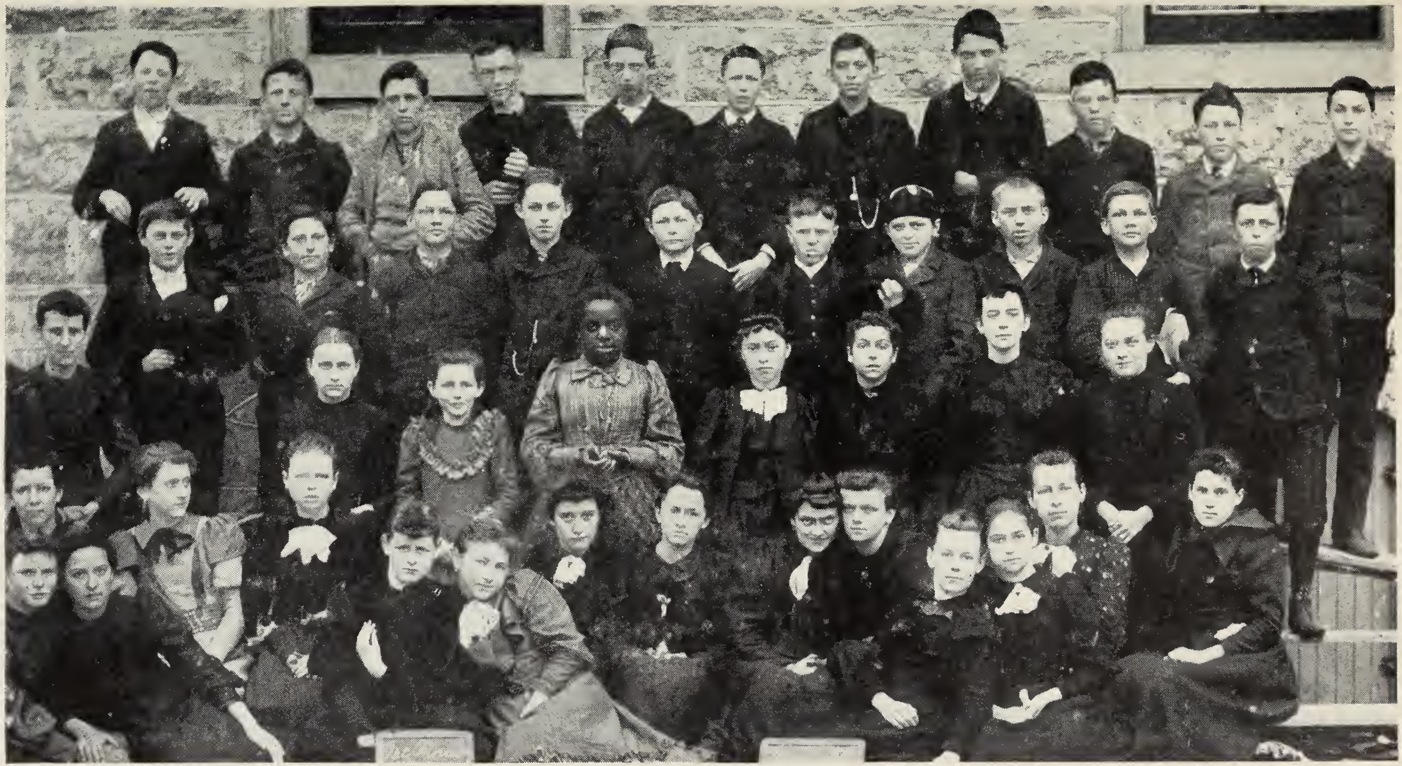
THE ABOVE PICTURE taken Nov. 21, 1890, was of two classes of the Mount Morris Public School, taught by Mrs. Florence Stephens, who stands at the right. Principal T. E. DeButts stands above at the right and Robert Crosby, who was janitor of the school for many years, stands at the left. The pupils are, from left to right, bottom row, Harry Kable, Chas. Raney, Harvey Kable, Harry Hill, Robert Buser, Joe Smith, Riner Clark, Wm. Fouke; second row, Aida Neff, Nannie Price, Maude Rowe, Lottie Myers, Grace Granger, Anna Bollinger, Mabel Routzhan, Vinnie Winders; third row, Lulu Rubsamen, Myrtle Miller, Vernie Bovey, Goldie McNett, May Driscoll, May Schelling, Kittie Powell, Myrtle Royer, Rhoda Thomas; fourth row, Ray McClure, Harry Baker, Sam French, Went Sprecher, Ed Jimmerson, John Walker, Lester Steck; Standing, Elmer Shank, Floyd Smith, Tom Newcomer, Roy Brayton, Robert McCoy.

they had been arranged, the best scholar was allowed to go into the room and take his choice; after his return, the second best took his turn, and so on until the least deserving carried away the leavings. William Stewart remembered that she was very severe in her methods of punishment, but failed to mention, however, if it was because he was particularly mischievous or not, that his memory was so keen on that point. One of her ways of bringing culprits to justice was to come up behind the victim and getting him by the forelock pull him upon his tip-toes until he expected his scalp to part with his cranium. Another method, for many years a favorite among "schoolmarms," was to get a grip on that convenient handle, the ear, and twist it until the offender was glad to choose between losing his ear or coming to time. The dunce cap also came into frequent use. Nevertheless she was a good teacher and taught many a "young idea how to shoot." Her school continued in the old house until after the war, and was discontinued probably in 1866 or 1867. Mrs. Crofts left the village about that time with her son, Lee Crofts, and went west.

Before tracing the village schools further, it would be well to make mention of the old schoolhouse built by Jacob Rice, father of Dr. Isaac Rice. It was simply a roughly-constructed log-house, situated north of town, and its history dates back almost to the beginning of the Pine Creek Grammar School. Isaac Rice, then a youth of eighteen years, was one of the first teachers in the school. Reuben Marshall was a pupil at this institution of learning, and remembered the house to have been an exceedingly rough structure. It was built in the hollow north of the Jacob Rice residence and east of the cemetery. One winter there was considerable trouble between the teacher and the pupils, and finally the large boys tore the old



THIS SCHOOL PICTURE, taken in 1894, includes faces of quite a few pupils who are still living in the community; most of them have moved elsewhere and a few have died. Those in the picture are, bottom row, left to right: Martha McClure, Alice Moore, Grace Withers, Carrie Plate, Gladys McCosh, Laura Beard, Bessie McNett; 2nd row, Mildred Strock, Della Baker, Allie Williams, Lulu Lookabaugh, Ruby Buser, Ollie McCoy, Anna Myers, Mabel Holsinger, Elva Lizer, Mignon Whistler; 3d row, Mrs. Florence Stephens (teacher), Grace Price, Maud Zellers, Vernie Wolf, May Watkins, Pearl Hershey, Ada Withers, Elsie Griswold, Lela Blake, Mina Middour, Edith Sprecher; 4th row, Blair McCosh, Harry Eshelman, Guy Smith, Ernest Brayton, Roy Cheney, Guy Blake, Roy Palmer, Carl Stutsman, George Funk; top row, Earl Clevidence, Lee Smith, Charlie Peacock, Ray Allen, Ernest Bruner, Wilbur Mumma.



THIS PICTURE was taken in 1894 and represents two classes taught by Miss Antoinette Schryock. Those in the picture are as follows: Bottom row, left to right, Lottie Myers (above), Anna Eshelman, Vernie Lookabaugh, Maude Rowe, Edna Newcomer, Pearl Rank, Rosa Lohafer, Minnie Longman, Rhoda Thomas, Vernie Bovey, Grace Mumma, May Driscoll, Ada Allen, Grace Palmer, Kittie Powell; second row, Miss Schryock (teacher), Emma Whistler, Lizzie Driscoll, Grace Granger, Myrtle Miller, Lulu Avey, May Schelling, Mary Wolf; third row, Floyd Knodle, Wm. Fouke, Harry Kable, Roy Jackson, Robert Newcomer, Riner Clark, Robert Buser, Chas. Raney, Harvey Kable, Reuben Marshall; top row, Robert McCoy, Harry Baker, Philip Windle, Went Sprecher, Ed. Jimmerson, Wm. Poole, Sam French, Chas. Holsinger, Melvin Householder, Burton Strock, Sam Whistler.

building down, piled the logs on a heap, and burned them. Mr. Marshall remembered that one day several dogs ran a deer out of the woods near the schoolhouse, and there being a crust on the snow which the animal's sharp hoofs penetrated, the boys easily headed it upon an expanse of snow and knocked it on the head with an axe. The incident was quite thrilling. Among the teachers in this school were Joshua and Isaac Rice, John A. Wagner, Alfred Brown, John W. Ritz, John O'Connor, Julia Holcombe, Charles F. Lynn, and Robert Deppenham.

In the year 1868, the present large stone schoolhouse, located on block 5 of the Botanical Addition, was completed at a cost of $10,000. At first there were but four rooms in the building and only three of these were used, there being but three teachers and three departments. Miss Frances Hoverland (Mrs. Crawford) who had been principal in the old building was again elected and served in that capacity from 1868 to 1872—the first four years that the new building was in use. Miss Florence Hoverland taught during the first two years, until the time of her marriage to Dr. B. G. Stephens. The other teachers during these four years were Cornelia A. Sterns, May Quigley and Olive Antisdel. Lottie Rohrer (Mrs. W. A. Newcomer) was an advanced student and heard a number of classes for the principal.

Prof. Joseph M. Piper succeeded Miss Hoverland and remained principal four years. The teachers during these four years, 1872 to 1876, as nearly as can be determined, were as follows: Frankie Kosier, Ella Fisher, Miss Eichholts, John P. Hand (later a supreme court judge of Illinois), Helen A. Knight, John Hammond, Lottie Waggoner (daughter of Prof. Joseph Waggoner, first principal of Rock River Seminary), and Addie McKean.

About this time a fourth department was added and the number of teachers raised to four. Horace G. Kauffman was elected principal in the fall of 1876, with Holly C. Clark in the grammar department; Ella Fisher, intermediate; and Lottie Waggoner, primary.

The members of the first graduating class received their diplomas in the spring of 1878, at the close of Mr. Kauffman's second year. Before that time the scholars attended only until something turned up for them to do, and they left whenever they pleased, without completing any prescribed course of study. It was during this year that the first course of study was outlined and printed in pamphlet form.

The roster of teachers and graduates from 1877 to the present time is as follows:

1877-1878—H. G. Kauffman (principal), H. C. Clark, Mrs. Rebecca Kauffman, Lottie Waggoner. Graduates: Susie McCosh, (Mrs. C. H. Sharer), Eva Davis, Fred Knodle, Harry Little, Charles Davis.

1878-1879—H. G. Kauffman (principal), H. C. Clark, Mrs. Kauffman, Helen A. Knight. Graduates: Laura Hedges (Mrs. Swift), Lillie Farwell (Mrs. Harry Cushing), Mary Weller (Mrs. George Shryock), Clara Clevidence (Mrs. Ira Wingert), Clara Noel, Alfonzo Newcomer.

1879-1880—Miss Virginia Brown (principal), Mrs. Carey, (name of intermediate teacher not obtainable), Francis E. Crawford. Graduates: Martin Rohrer Jr., Minnie Rohrer, Lillie Myers, Jessie Knodle, Georgie Bixler, Jennie Weller (Mrs. Hanawalt), Anna Thomas, Viola Greger.

1880-1881—Miss Virginia Brown (principal), Mrs. Carey, Hattie Barlow, Frances E. Crawford. About this time the higher rooms of the school began to enter into a state of disorder, which gradually became worse through the two succeeding years and culminated in the almost complete disorganization of the highest room under the principalship of Prof. Burbank, mention of which is made later. It appears that Miss Brown made no attempt to graduate a class in the second year of her principalship. Those who were in the highest class and would have graduated at the end of the year were U. C. Nye, Verne Clevidence Phelps, Alice Lookabaugh Fager, Joshur Ohr, Nettie Long, Mollie Skinner, Arthur Nalley, and probably several others.

1881-1882—B. Earl Berry (principal), Mrs. Berry, Florence E. Stephens, Frances E. Crawford. As principal, Prof. Berry did not prove to be a much better disciplinarian than Miss Brown, and the school did not prosper. There was no graduating class at the end of this year. Among those who were in attendance in the advance class were Ida Funk Fitz, Isabel Funk Fitz, Hattie Davis, Mabel Holsinger, Lucia McCosh, Flora Thomas Shellenberger, Parnell Newcomer, Myrtle Rine Miller, Frank Palmer, Ralph Trine, William Startzman, Howard Long and Cyrus Newcomer.

1882-1883—The teaching force remained the same as the year previous, except that

Clara Middlekauff succeeded Mrs. Berry in the grammar department. In Prof. Berry's room the order became worse and the attendance smaller, so much so that at the end of the year there was again no pretense toward the graduation of the advance class, which consisted partly of the class of the preceding year.

1883-1884—During the four years of Miss Brown's and Prof. Berry's principalship, the disorder and confusion of the advance rooms became so flagrant that the attention of the school board was finally drawn to the matter, and they resolved to hire a principal who could restrain the mischievous natures of the pupils and again bring the work up to a standard of excellence. Prof. Charles Burbank, of Byron, was the man engaged, but the board erred in their selection, as the sequel will show. With the intention of quelling the turbulent spirits by ruling with an iron hand, Prof. Burbank entered the schoolroom the first morning and injudiciously informed the pupils who had assembled that he "could lick the whole school with one hand tied behind his back," and that dire consequences would follow any attempt to disorder or insubordination. These tactics, as many will remember, only aroused the ire of the boys, and the order, or rather disorder, was much worse than previously. The first serious trouble arose one day when Prof. Burbank left his room and went into the Grammar room, to settle several youngsters for his wife, who had charge there. He had not proceeded far when the boys made a rush for him, seized him on all sides and gave him an old-fashioned drubbing. While this was in progress, John Seibert ran out into the front hall, and, opening the door of the high school, shouted: "Come on, boys, we've got him!" which added to the excitement. Finally, the members of the school board arrived and settled the disturbance. A few days later the pupils of the professor's own room became incensed at some inconsistency on his part, and a "free-for-all" was again precipitated. Heavy double slates, erasers, books, and all manner of missiles were hurled at the unfortunate pedagogue. Most of the boys were aggressive, but a few of the older ones, Z. O. Doward principally, tried to keep the bellicose faction from injuring the professor. In the scuffle the organ was thrown from the platform and badly damaged. The besieged instructor finally escaped to his desk and hastily penned a note to the directors and dispatched one of the more timid scholars with it. It is remembered that after the missive had been written, upon the bottom of the sheet, he stamped a large blotch of blood from a deep cut in his hand, caused by a slate, to impress the directors with the urgency of the case. Trouble frequently arose after this, but Prof. Burbank worried through the remainder of the year. It is said that to insure his safety the school board accompanied him to the depot when he left town. The boys and girls who attended that year are often heard talking over those "stirring times." At the end of the year no graduating exercises were held, but diplomas were granted to Carrie Weller, May McCoy and Maude Newcomer.

1884-1885—To build up the school after the exciting times of the year previous, the board hired Horace G. Kauffman, who had proved a good disciplinarian during his former term of service. During the year the primary department, which included about one hundred pupils, was divided into two sections,—the First Primary and the Second Primary, Frances E. Crawford being engaged to teach the latter, and Lillie Farwell the former. The other teachers were Mrs. Kauffman and Florence E. Stephens. The graduates were H. E. Newcomer, Emily Newcomer (Mrs. J. L. Rice), Fannie Stephens and Grace McCoy (Mrs. Frank Coffman).

1885-1886—Mr. Kauffman was re-engaged as principal, but being in poor health, went east and left the work in the hands of Mrs. Kauffman. The other teachers were Karen Hollinger, assistant principal; Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Crawford, and Miss Farwell. Class of 1886: Daisy Kemp, Mattie Newcomer, Minnie Stouffer, Lillian Hess, Dollie Stephens, Bert Clevidence, Eugene Thomas.

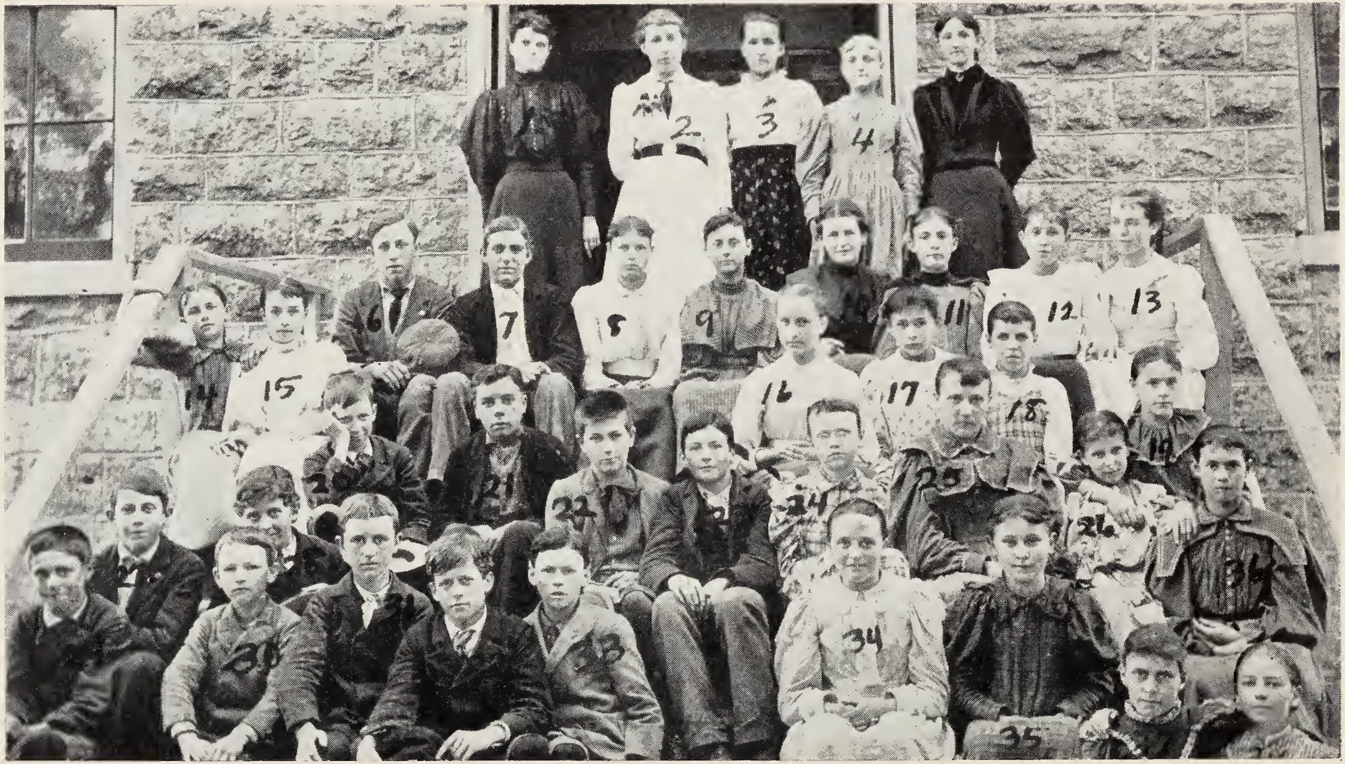
1886-1887—During the summer of 1886, the addition on the west side of the building was made, to be used as a recitation room. Later, the primary department was moved into this addition and the principal's room divided into two parts. The teachers were H. G. Kauffman, Mrs. Rebecca Kauffman, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Crawford and Miss Farwell. Class of 1887: Claude Householder and Daniel Brogunier.

1887-1888—Teachers, same as preceding year, except that Miss Elsie West took Miss Farwell's place. Mrs. Kauffman resigned the assistant principalship at the end of the winter term, and Emery I. Neff completed the year in her place. Class of 1888: Nettie Kinsey, Ada Mumma, Oliver Sprecher.

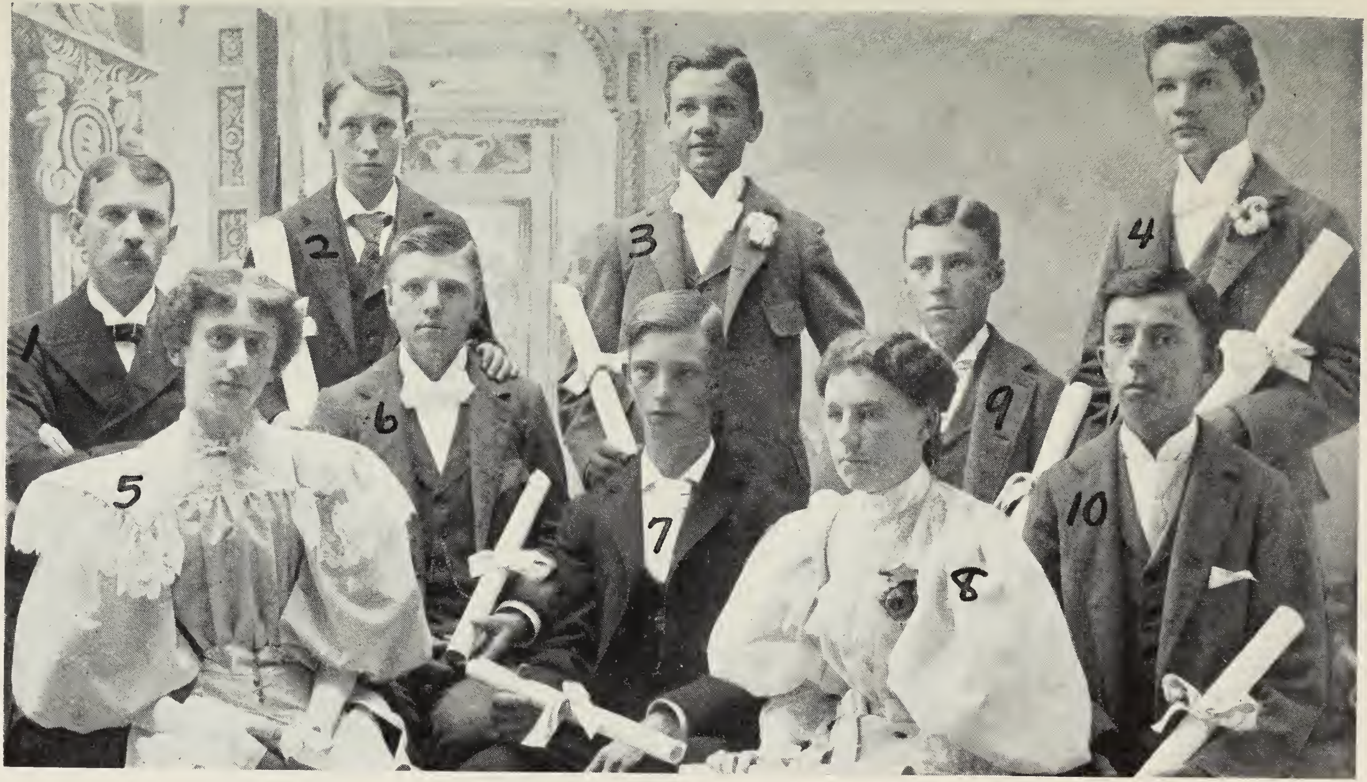
1888-1889—Teachers engaged, same as preceding year. Mr. Kauffman was again compelled to leave the school on account of ill-health, and with the consent of the board left the principalship in the hands of Alfonzo G. Newcomer, who had just graduated from Cornell University. Mr. Newcomer proved to be a very able instructor. His graduating class consisted of Minnie Kable, Ida Castle, Ollie Smith and Morris Newcomer.

1889-1890—A new principal was secured in the person of T. E. DeButts. The other teachers were Alice J. Boone, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Crawford, Fannie Stephens. Class of 1890: Solomon Avey, Allie Kable, Minerva Eversole, Edward C. Thomas.

1890-1891—Teachers, same as preceding year. Class of 1891: Joseph Granger, Bert Thomas, Benton Kinsey, Kittie Sprecher.



SCHOOL PICTURE TAKEN IN 1896: (1) Lydia Pierce (teacher), (2) Grace Palmer, (3) May Watkins, (4) Carrie Plate, (5) Nettie Lohafer, (6) Lee Smith, (7) Earl Clevidence, (8) Edna Newcomer, (9) Lura Neff, (10) Pearl Rank, (11) Allie Williams, (12) Florine Scott, (13) Anna Myers, (14) Lizzie Driscoll, (15) Lulu Lookabaugh, (16) Emma Whistler, (17) Anna Spielman, (18) Bessie McNett, (19) Gladys McCosh, (20) Ernest Brayton, (21) Chas. Peacock, (22) Ray Allen, (23) Morris Wolfe, (24) Edith Sprecher, (25) Elsie Griswold, (26) Alice Knodle, (27) Guy Smith, (28) George Funk, (29) Harry Eshelman, (30) Wilbur Mumma, (31) Carl Stutsman, (32) Leighton McCosh, (33) Blair McCosh, (34) Pearl Hershey, (35) Laura Beard, (36) Mina Middour, (37) Mildred Strock, (38) Martha McClure.



PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS of 1896: (1) Principal E. E. Winders, (2) Roy Brayton, (3) Harry Kable, (4) Harvey Kable, (5) Maude Rowe, (6) Riner Clark, (7) Ed. Jimmerson, (8) May Driscoll, (9) Burton Strock, (10) Reuben Marshall.

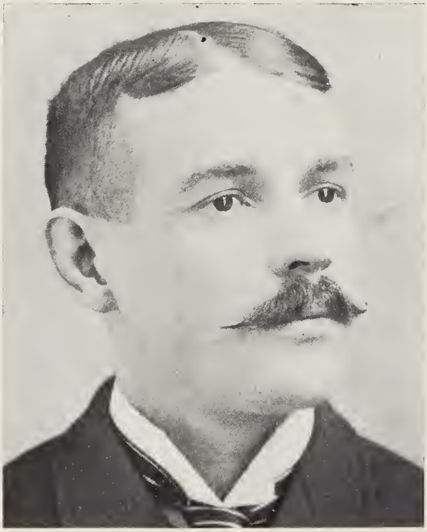
1891-1892—Prof. DeButts remained only two years and he was succeeded by C. W. Egner. The other teachers were Antoinette Shryock, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Crawford, Fannie Stephens. Class of 1892: Anita Holsinger, Lulu Kable, Pearl Williams, Lulu Koontz, Mae Ankney, William Myers, George Toms, Hugh Stephens, Bessie Griswold, Benj. Price, Grace Hanstine.

1892-1893—Teachers, same as preceding year. Class of 1893: George Schelling, Pearl Buser, Emma Plate.

1893-1894—Teachers of previous year again hired. Class of 1894: Louis Brayton, Maude Thomas, Earl Householder, Lucy Buck.

1894-1895—E. E. Winders succeeded Prof. Egner in 1894 and the teachers under him were Antoinette Shryock, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Crawford, Fannie Stephens. Class of 1895: Lee Stonebraker, Anna Bollinger, Agnes McDannel.

1895-1896—E. E. Winders (principal), Lydia Pierce, Ella Rohrer, Mrs. Crawford, Mary McClure. Class of 1896: Burton Strock, Harvey Kable, Harry Kable, May Driscoll, Maude Rowe, Reuben Marshall, Riner Clark, Edward Jimmerson, Roy Brayton.



PROF. ELBERT E. WINDERS was principal of the Mount Morris Public School from 1894 to 1897. He was born in Mount Morris, April 14, 1861, and died Nov. 2, 1897, aged 36 years. He was educated in the Mount Morris Public School and Rock River Seminary. He married Ella Miller, April 10, 1895. He was an accomplished musician, and the author of this book can testify as to his ability as a teacher, being a graduate under him in 1896.

SYLVESTER A. LONG was principal of Mount Morris public schools for two years from 1898 to 1900. He was a graduate of Mount Morris College and later became a brilliant lecturer with a national reputation. He married Etta Moore, a Mount Morris girl, and they are now living at Wichita, Kans.

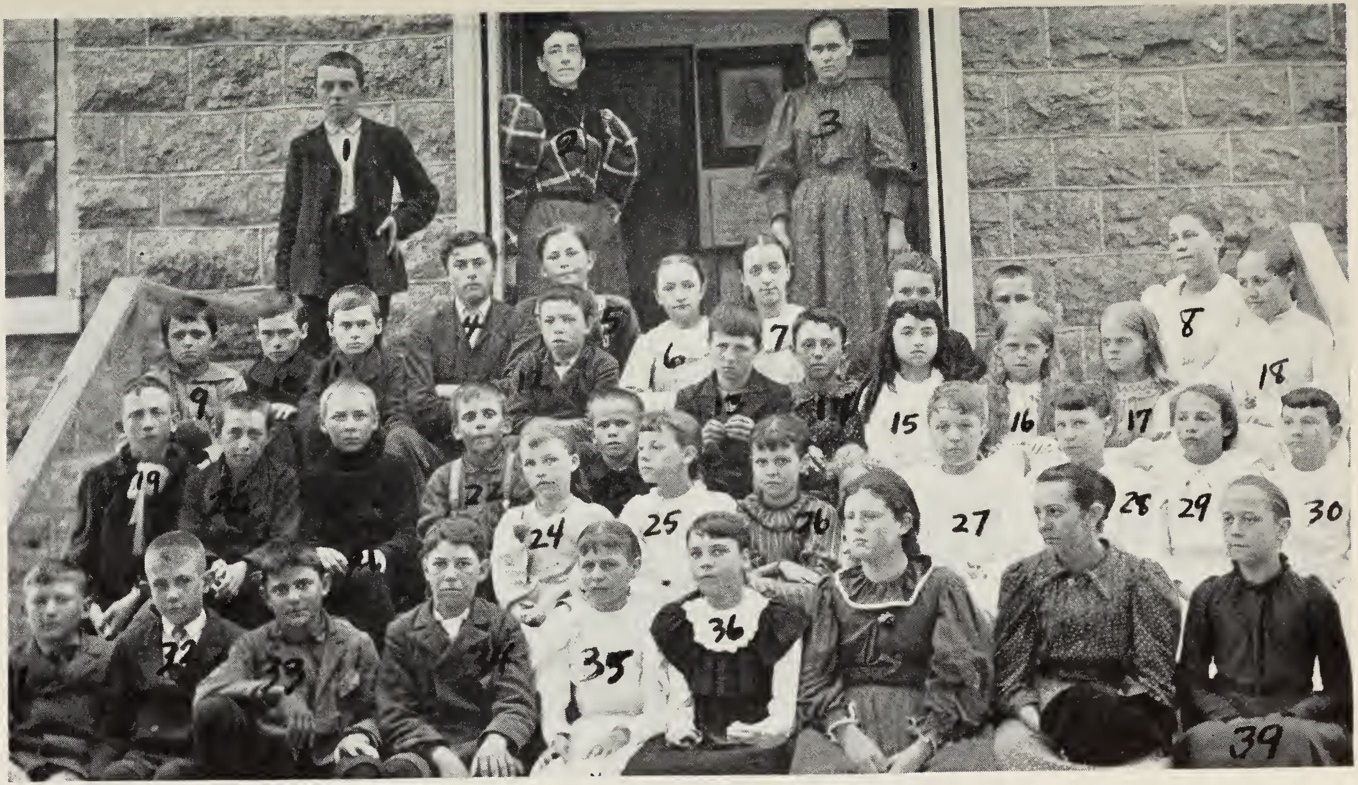
1896-1897—E. E. Winders (principal), Mary McClure, Lillian Hess, Mrs. Crawford, Ella Rohrer. Class of 1897: Ada Allen, Gertrude Eshelman, Amanda Lutz, William Pool, Melvin Householder, Robert Newcomer, Roy Jackson, Bessie Marshall, Minnie Longman.

1897-1898—Prof. Winders was compelled to resign on account of ill health and he was succeeded in 1897 by A. E. Elmore, who was assisted by Mary McClure, Lillian Hess, Mrs. Crawford, Ella Rohrer. Class of '98, Mary Nazarene, Chas. Peacock, Martha McClure, Allie Williams, Earl Clevidence, Pearl Rank, Lura Neff.

1898-1899—Prof. Elmore stayed only one year and in 1898 the board secured the services of S. A. Long, a brilliant graduate of Mount Morris College. His assistants were Mary McClure, Lillian Hess, Mrs. Crawford, Lulu Kable. During the latter part of the year, at the suggestion of the energetic principal, Prof. Long, the board lengthened the course of study a year, making three years of high school work. Owing to this fact there was no graduating class. A fine laboratory was added to the school during the year, Prof. Long soliciting the money for the same.

1899-1900—S. A. Long (principal), Mary McClure, Lillian Hess, Mrs. Crawford, Lulu Kable, Ella Rohrer. Class of 1900: Vernon Rees, Ray Allen, Mina Middour, Bessie McNett, Earl Thomas, Florine Scott. In June the course of study was revised according to the action of the board the year previous, and published in pamphlet form.

1900-1901—Prof. Long was succeeded in the fall of 1900 by Prof. Geo. A. Jacobs. The other teachers were Ione Billig, Lillian



PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS OF 1896: (1) Merritt Miller, (2) Miss Ella Rohrer, teacher, (3) Bertha Miller, (4) Albert Brubaker, (5) Elmer Brubaker, (6) Myrtle Whistler, (7) Mignon Whistler, (8) Mabel Holsinger, (9) Jesse Allen, (10) Harry Sprecher, (11) Howard Sprecher, (12) Weadie Peacock, (13) Jesse McCoy, (14) Clarence Hanstine, (15) Pearl Lohafer, (16) Nellie Wolfe, (17) Grace Wolfe, (18) Elva Lizer, (19) Roy Cowan, (20) Charlie Lookabaugh, (21) Philo Corning, (22) Ed. Rowe, (23) Roy Beard, (24) Katie Driscoll, (25) Florence Miller, (26) Bertha McNett, (27) Edith Miles, (28) Edith Miller, (29) Mary Wolfe, (30) Maude Miller, (31) Carl Stutsman, (32) Roy Tovelle, (33) Harry Rowe, (34) Jesse Marshall, (35) Urilla Baker, (36) Edith Merryman, (37) Jelie McCoy, (38) Effie Crump, (39) Cora Brubaker.

Hess, Mrs. Frances E. Crawford, Lulu Kable, Jennie Harley. Graduates: Jelis McCoy, Ida Nazarene, Harry Rowe.

1901-1902—Geo. A. Jacobs (principal), Frank Scott, Frances E. Crawford, Lillian Hess, Lulu Kable, Jennie Harley. Graduates: Bertha McNett, Edith Miles, Edith Miller, Merritt Miller, Edward Rowe, Phoebe Stoner, John Stutesman, Lela Tice, Ada Wolfe.

1902-1903—Geo. A. Jacobs (principal), Mary McClure, Anita Metzgar, Frances E. Crawford, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley. Graduates: Florence Allen, L. Roy Cheney, Ernest Highbarger, Matilda Lehner.

1903-1904—Following the three-year term of Prof. Jacobs, Miss Mary McClure was elected principal, beginning in the fall term of 1903, and continued in this position for eleven years. The other teachers were Chas. Holsinger, Lillian Hess, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Margaret Proctor. Graduates: Cornelia Crawford, Charles Cushing, Clyde Davis, Merritt Deppen, Harry Emmert, Martha Geiger, Blanche Householder, Glenn Olson, Grace Peacock, Vera Rees, Mary Thomas, Roy Thomas.

1904-1905—Mary McClure (principal), Chas. Holsinger, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Jennie Harley, Margaret Proctor. Graduates: Katie Driscoll, Anna Miller, Daniel Miller, Ray Palmer, Marcus Slifer, Eva Withers, Pearl Jones, Edward Allen.

1905-1906—Mary McClure (principal), Chas. Holsinger, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Jennie Harley, Mollie Dutcher. Graduates: Ira Baldwin, Minnie Barnhizer, Clyde Holsinger, Lela Keedy, Gladys Newcomer, Charles Wentworth Sharer.

MARY E. McCLURE was superintendent of the Mount Morris High School for eleven years. She was the daughter of Robert D. and Elizabeth (Allen) McClure and was born Nov. 1, 1874, at Haldane, Ill. She attended the local public schools, Mount Morris College and the University of Wisconsin. She taught in the local high school and served capably as superintendent from 1903 to 1914.

1906-1907—Mary McClure, (principal), Chas. Holsinger, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Olive Swift, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Helen Cushing, Ernest Hanes, Hazel Kable, Hazel Kretsinger, Mable Mumma, Perley Rees, Max Sharer, Hubert Shaw, Claude Smith, Lura Stine, May Swift, Clifford Windle.

1907-1908—Mary McClure (principal), Chas. Holsinger, Lillian Hess, Bertha McNett, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley. Graduates: Florence Bopp, Nelson Bruner, Arthur Irvin, Mac McCosh, Clifford Miller, June Noble, Wm. Boyd Stouffer, Ruth Wylie.

1908-1909—Mary McClure (principal), Chas. Holsinger, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Mamie Drummond, Nora Gouker, Frank Hilger, Ray Holsinger, Mabel Miller, Elizabeth Sharer, Bessie Whitman.

1909-1910—Mary McClure (principal), Clyde Bates, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Florence Miller, Frances Miller, Vinette Mishler, Helen Wylie.

1910-1911—Mary McClure (principal), Clyde Bates, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Hugh Bonar, Lottie Gigeous, Luetta Hoffman, Gladys Huff, Ruth Kable, Hubert Knodle, Ruth Lizer, Dorothy Muller, Cecile Olson, Ruth Sharer, Murray Welty.

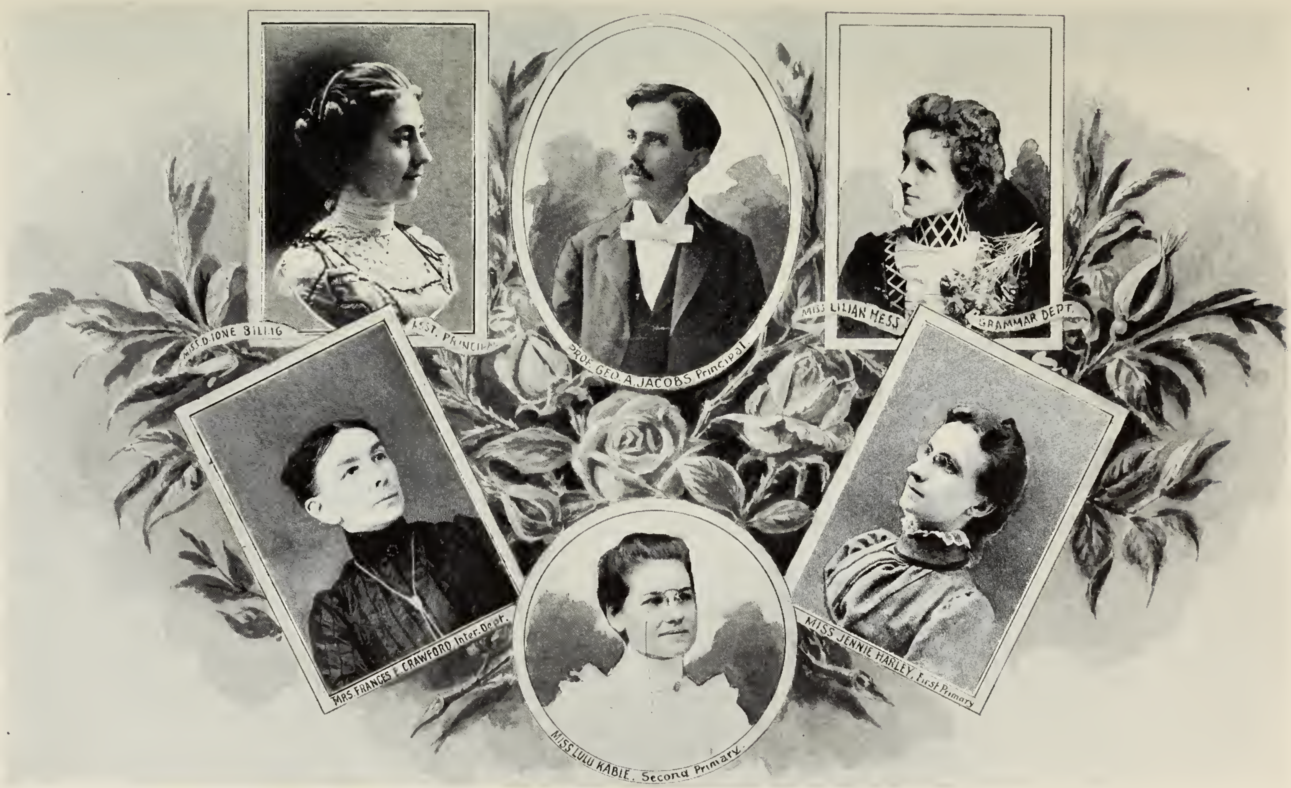
1911-1912—Mary McClure (principal), Clyde Bates, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Gladys Avey, Edith Barnhizer, Marie Keplinger, Mattie Kerns, Madge Tracy.

1912-1913—Mary McClure (principal), Harvey Long, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess, G. E. Weaver. Graduates: Lloyd Diehl, Clara Hoffman, Rosalie King, Marion McCosh, Harvey Miller, Wilbur Miller, Eva Newcomer, Jesse Smith, Lucile Wine.

1913-1914—Mary McClure (principal). Harvey Long, Elsie Emmert, Jennie Harley, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess. Graduates: Orville Diehl, Vera Kessler, Alice Mortimore, Maude Smith, Carrie Stevens, Thayer Stine (also graduated from four-year course in 1916), Mary Stouffer.

1914-1915—Prof. A. J. Brumbaugh was elected superintendent to take the place of Miss McClure and the Board of Education decided to add another year to the school. The other teachers were Harvey Long, Elsie Emmert, Gerda Sederholm, Bertha McNett, Lillian Hess and G. E. Weaver. There was no regular graduating class but John Jacobs, Clifford Paul and Mabel Stouffer were given three-year diplomas.

1915-1916—Prof. Ira R. Hendrickson, for many years a teacher at Mount Morris College, was selected to head the faculty,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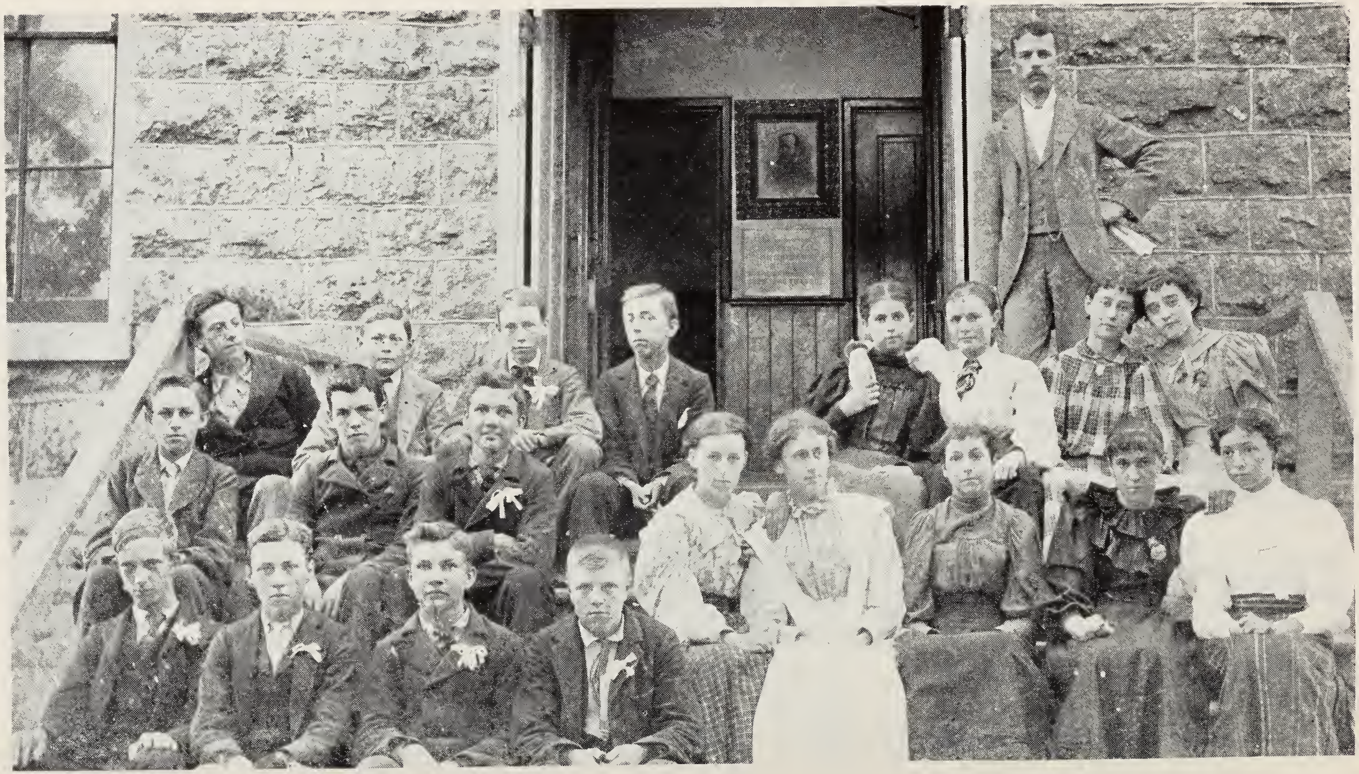
MISS LILIAN HESS GRAMMAR DEPT.
MRS. FRANCES E. CRAWFORD Inter. Dept.
MISS LULU KABIE. Second Primary.
MISS JENNIE HARLEY, First Primary

THE ABOVE represents the Mount Morris Public School Faculty during the school year of 1900-1901. The grade school and high school were not separate at that time and there were only six teachers including the principal.



THIS PICTURE was taken in 1896 and represents the 9th and 10th grades, corresponding to the present first and second years of high school. Those in the picture are, front row, left to right, Edward Jimmerson, Burton Strock, Harvey Kable, Riner Clark; second row, Roy Jackson, Melvin Householder, Harry Kable, May Driscoll, Maude Rowe, Lulu Avey, Kittie Powell, Myrtle Miller; back row, Wm. Fouke, Robert Newcomer, Roy Brayton, Reuben Marshall, Ada Allen, Gertrude Eshelman, Bessie Marshall, Minnie Longman; standing, E. E. Winders, principal.

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GRADUATING CLASS OF 1898: (1) Chas. Peacock, (2) Carrie Plate, (3) Allie Williams, (4) Earl Clevidence, (5) Lizzie Driscoll, (6) Harry Eshelman, (7) Guy Smith, (8) Pearl Rank, (9) Prof. A. E. Elmore, (10) Lura Neff, (11) Mary Nazarene, (12) Anna Spielman, (13) Martha McClure.

beginning the new four-year course. His assistants were Harvey Long, Ruth Sharer, Gerda Sederholm, Elsie Emmert, Helen Johnston, Lillian Hess, Cornelia Crawford, G. E. Weaver, Agnes Rees. Graduates: Syril Avey, Madeline Coddington, Neahlie Lohafer, Maxwell Mishler, Harold Ross, Forrest Shaw, Thayer Stine, Lois Wine.

1916-1917—I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Harvey Long, Ruth Sharer, Gerda Sederholm, Agnes Rees, Cornelia Crawford, Elsie Emmert, Olive Ballard, Lillian Hess, G. E. Weaver. Graduates: Alice Axton, Gladys Barnes, Wayne Diehl, Russel Dierdorf, Howard Grady, Martha Hilligas, Sophia Hoffman, Ruth Lohafer, Orlo Madden, Marion Noble, Julia Slaughter, Alice Thomas, Worthington Thomas.

1917-1918—I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Harvey Long, Ruth Sharer, Ruth Richardson, Miss Larson, Elsie Emmert, Olive Ballard, Lillian Hess, Agnes Rees. Graduates: Olive Avey, Ethel Cloyd, Eugene Coffman, Velma Crowell, Bessie Hilger, Dale Lizer, Louise Madden, Ruth Prugh, Virginia Ross, Dwight Sharer.

1918-1919—I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), E. L. Highbarger, Ruth Richardson, Elsie Emmert, Olive Ballard, Lillian Hess, G. E. Weaver. Graduates: Harry Allen, Cora Cripe, Lloyd Hoffman, Ruth Kabele, Ruth Light, Ralph Lizer, Frank McLaughlin, Jeanette Noble, Lucille Paul, Pridmore Prugh, Julia Ross, Edith Simester.

1919-1920—I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), E. L. Highbarger, C. W. Sharer, Ruth Richardson, Olive Thayer, Otilia Willrett, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Olive Ballard. Graduates: Pearl Butterbaugh, Marie Cambling, Helen Clevidence, Jessie Coddington, Mary Cripe, Hugh Felker, Vivian Hendrickson, Mary O'Hara, Vera O'Hara, Douglas Ross, Bernice Samsel, James Simester, Ada Sprecher, Josephine Waddelow, Letha Wagner, Ruth Wagner, Frances Weller, Florence Wine, Iva Zumdahl.

IRA R. HENDRICKSON was born near Robinson, Ill., but when he was but five years old his parents moved to West Milton, Ohio. Living on a farm he attended the little red schoolhouse until he was ready for high school in the neighboring village. After graduating from this school, he spent one year in the Academy at Bridgewater, Va. He then turned to Mount Morris College, graduating from the Junior College in 1894. The next two years were spent in DePauw University, from which he was graduated in 1896. Following this, he married Addie Windle, of Mount Morris. During the next year they lived in Mount Morris, having charge of Mr. Windle's store. Turning to teaching, he taught two years in Lamar, Mo., following which he spent four years as Principal of the high school in Schuyler, Nebr. In the spring of 1903, he returned to Mount Morris to take charge of his father-in-law's farm but soon was persuaded to enter the Mount Morris College management. It was at that time that he purchased the residence in which he still lives. For twelve years, he taught in the college. Along with Prof. Furrey, he was largely responsible for the building of the first gymnasium and the development of an athletic program for the college. From 1908 to 1915, he was faculty director of athletics. During this time, he also had charge of the college lyceum course which was developed into one of the most popular entertainment features of the community, oftentimes with 1000 people in attendance at a single entertainment.

Invited by the public school board to accept the position of public school superintendent, he did so in the summer of 1915. He added a fourth year to the high school, graduating the first four-year class in 1916. The entire enrollment of the high school during that year was 45, with seven in the senior class. During the next three years the enrollment increased so rapidly that a new building was imperative. As a result, the present high school building was erected in 1918. When the legislature provided for the organization of community high school districts, he was instrumental in establishing the present district. For the next several years, he acted both as principal of the high school and as superintendent of the grades. For the past twelve years, he has given all his attention to the high school. Under his management the school has had a remarkable growth. In enrollment, it has reached 225. In curriculum, from a narrow, single course without electives, it now has a wide line of electives with strong vocational departments in home economics, agriculture and commercial. The school is fully accredited by University and State Department and was admitted into the North Central Association in 1924, the highest rating possible.

During the years of his teaching he spent six summers in graduate work in the University of Chicago and one in the University of Wisconsin. Interested in the lyceum and chautauqua, for six summers he acted as manager on several of the large chautauqua circuits in which work he made an enviable reputation in chautauqua circles.

During the 35 years that Mr. Hendrickson has lived in Mount Morris, he has taken an active part in the life of the community. While connected with the college, he served terms both on the school board and on the village board. He was one of the organizers of the Ben Ezra Club and served as its president during its most prosperous year. Following the organization of the Kiwanis Club, he was elected its president for five consecutive years. For one year he was Lieutenant-Governor of this district of Kiwanis. He is now club secretary. During the past two years, he has been president of the county P. T. A. organization. Always interested in agriculture, he is a member of the Farm Bureau and a director in the Mount Morris Elevator Company. He is a Mason and a member of the Brethren Church in which he has taught a Sunday school class for many years. He also is president of the Men's Brotherhood of that church.

At the close of this school year, he retired from the teaching profession after an unbroken service of 35 years in Mount Morris.

Mrs. Hendrickson was born near Mount Morris, her parents being George and Mary (Sprecher) Windle. Following her attendance at the rural school, she attended Mount Morris College from which she graduated in the art department. She continued her work in Zanerian Art School, Columbus, Ohio, and the Snow-Froelich Art School, New York, from both of which she received diplomas. She also studied in the Art Institute and in the studios of prominent artists of Chicago. For two years she taught art in Lamar College, Mo. Discontinuing her work because of family duties she again took it up in 1910 when she became head of the art department of Mount Morris College, a position which she held until 1927, being compelled to give it up on account of ill health. An accomplished artist, her studio attracted many students and became one of the show places of the college. She is a member of the Brethren Church, is a charter member of both the Eastern Star and the Woman's Club. Also she belongs to the Current Events and Fortnightly Clubs, as well as a number of social organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson have reared a family of three children. Ruth, the oldest, is the wife of Howard Wood, finance editor of the Chicago Tribune, and resides in Lake Bluff, Ill. Vivian is married to Harry G. Mitchell, of the Y.M.C.A. College, Chicago. Both Ruth and Vivian are graduates of Lake Forest College. George, the youngest, after three years in Mount Morris College, finished his work in Knox College. Later he attended the University of Wisconsin where he secured his Master's degree. He married Gladys Amundsen and resides in Waupaca, Wis., where he is principal of both the junior and senior high schools.

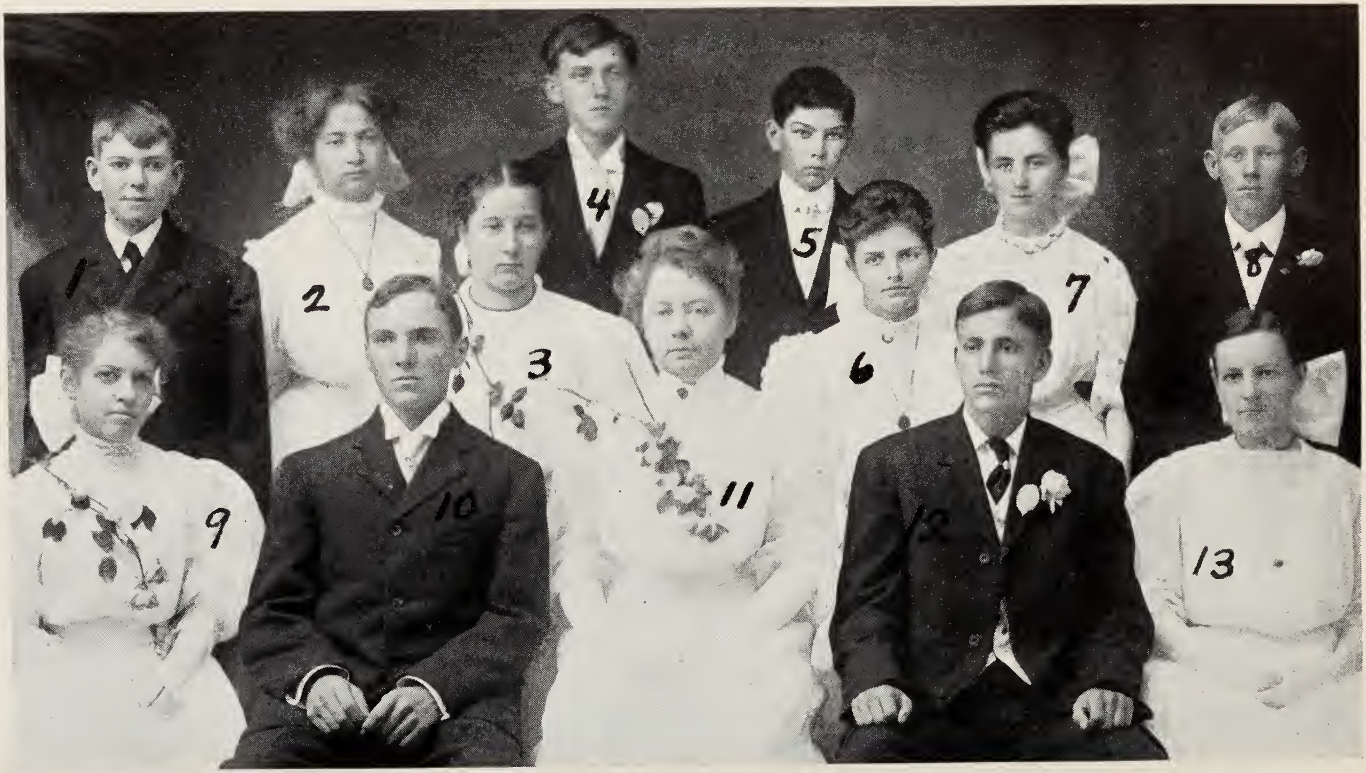
The event of his retirement was marked by a number of fitting testimonials. At the high school commencement exercises, a surprise feature was the unveiling of a bronze plaque which is to be placed in the high school building. The plaque bears the following inscription: "This tablet was presented June 1, 1938, to the Mount Morris Community High School by its board of education as a perpetual tribute to Ira R. Hendrickson. He served faithfully as principal from the school's establishment in 1915 to his retirement in June, 1938." Also he was honored in a testimonial dinner given by the High School Alumni Association, the Business Men's League and the Kiwanis Club when these organizations presented him with a handsome watch chain on fob. A fitting expression of appreciation and good will was also presented to the Hendricksons by the Mount Morris Church of the Brethren in the work of which they have been active for many years.

Following the close of the school year, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson removed to their farm at Round Lake, Minn.

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZED

IN June, 1920, the public schools of Mount Morris were divided into two separate organizations. Previous to that time there was only one school, known as Mount Morris District No. 61. The four years of high school were then separated and organized under the new state law as Community High School District No. 216, and this district was enlarged to take in certain country territory adjacent to Mount Morris. District No. 61 had built the new high school building in 1918 and this was then leased to the new high school district. However, Prof. Hendrickson continued to function as superintendent of both schools until 1925 when he relinquished supervision of the grade school and has since devoted his entire time to the high school.

1920-1921—Grade school teachers: Ruth Richardson, Olive Thayer, Otilia Will-



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS of 1907: (1) Clifford Windle, (2) May Swift, (3) Hazel Kretsinger, (4) Ernest Hanes, (5) Hubert Shaw, (6) Helen Cushing, (7) Lura Stine, (8) Claude Smith, (9) Hazel Kable, (10) Max Sharer, (11) Mary McClure, principal, (12) Perley Rees, (13) Mable Mumma.

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GRADUATING CLASS of 1917: (1) Marion Noble, (2) Alice Axton, (3) Alice Thomas, (4) Sophia Hoffman, (5) Gladys Barnes, (6) Orlo Madden, (7) Martha Hilligas, (8) Julia Slaughter, (9) Ruth Lohafer, (10) Wayne Diehl, (11) Howard Grady, (12) Russel Dierdorf, (13) Worthington Thomas.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1916. Standing, left to right, Harvey Long (principal), Harold Ross, Forrest Shaw, Thayer Stine; sitting, Syril Avey, Lois Wine, Madeline Coddington, Neahlie Lohafer, Maxwell Mishler.

rett, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Maurine Finnegan, Agnes Robertson, Francis A. Myers.

High school teachers: E. L. Highbarger, C. W. Sharer, Olive Ballard, Sara Dierks, Francis A. Myers.

Graduates: Dallas Baker, Viola Blair, Harold Bowerman, Hugh Coffman, Mary Crawford, Howard Crowell, Louise Farwell, Celesta Kabele, Henry Kessler, Harold Lizer, Ada Lohafer, Faith Longman, Marie Miller, Harry Newcomer, Walter Mitchell, Margaret Price, Ruth Ritson, Rachel Ross, Maurice Samsel, Ralph Samsel.

1921-1922—Grade faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Effie Pittman, Olive Thayer, Jennie Pittman, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Eva Cross, Francis A. Myers.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), E. L. Highbarger, C. W. Sharer, Francis A. Myers, Alice Thomas, Ruth Gray.

Graduates: Donna Bibler, Harry Bock, Carroll Boston, Leland Cratty, Mildred Crawford, Merl Cripe, Ethel Davis, John Glotfelty, Lucille Hanes, George Hendrickson, Gerald Hough, David Kabele, Harold Middlekauff, Maurita Peacock, Gladys Plum, Thornton Prugh, Robert Sharer, Darrell Toms, John Towns, Irlene Walker, Marjorie Walker.

1922-1923—Grade faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Effie Pittman, Olive Thayer, Therisa Comiskey, Jennie Pittman, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Hess, Elsie Jones.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Norman R. D. Jones, Sarah C. Laraway, Ora E. Fullen, Ruth H. Smith, Dorothy Sherrick, Ira M. Wageman.

Graduates: Guinevere Asay, Burton Avey, Stanley Boston, Eva Carr, Mark Crawford, Amy Eigenbrode, Helen Fossler, Harlan McNett, Ruth Miller, Bernice Moats, Dorothy Niman, Sadie Seyster, Mary Wishard, Irvin Zumdahl.

1923-1924—Grade faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Effie Pittman, Helen Jubb, Elizabeth Henricks, Elsie Emmert, Lillian Morris, Mabel Hanan, Lillian Hess, Addie Hendrickson.

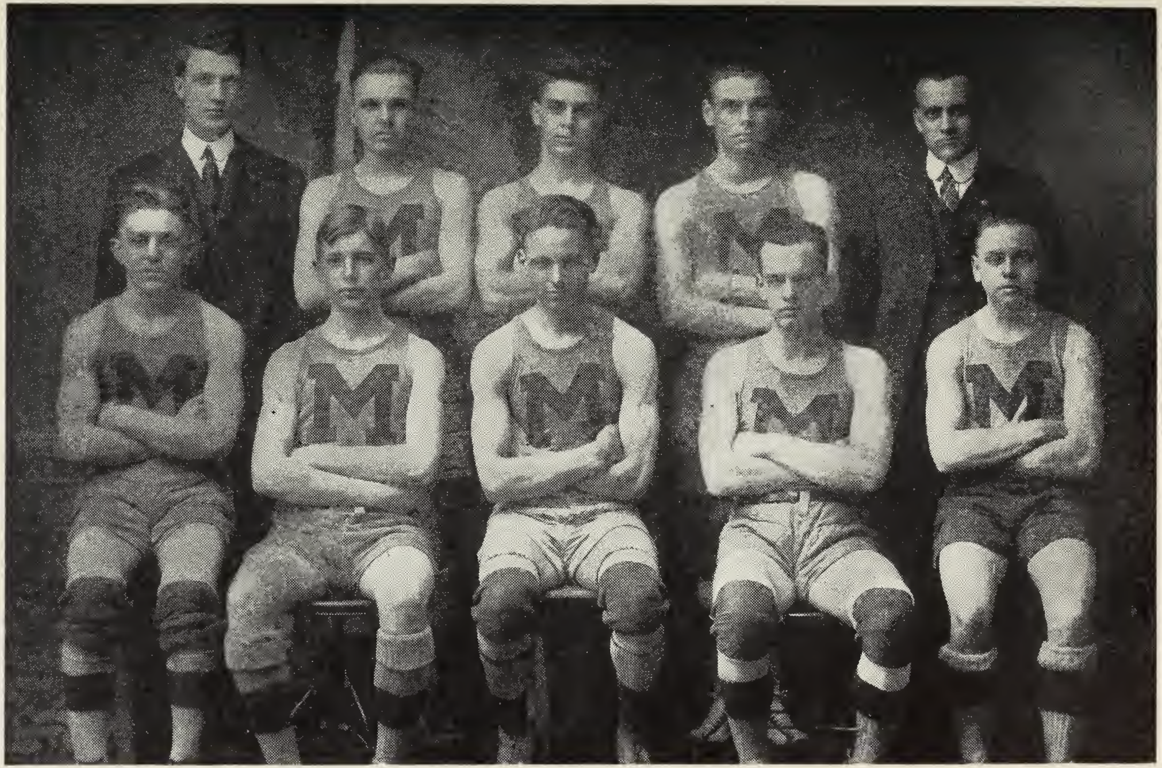
High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Ora E. Fullen, L. M. DeArvil, Nellie Larson, Pearl Walker, Ethel Palmer, Bertha Yackel, James C. Ellis.

Graduates: Russell Brown, Jennie Bush, Winfield Colvin, Marjorie Davison, Elizabeth Dickson, Grace Eykamp, Frederick Fulton, Lillian Lookabaugh, Mary McCready, June Middlekauff, Gladys Nalley, Grace Ritson, Edna Rohns, Charles Ross, Emmert Samsel, Ethel Sanford, Myrtice Snodgrass, Josephine Sprecher, Horace Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jeannette Watts, Mildred Wishard, Richard Woy, Francis Yoder.

1924-1925—Grade faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Murl Bottlemy, Margaret Tazewell, Elizabeth Henricks, Vivian Moore, Lillian Morris, Mabel Hana, Lillian Hess, Addie Hendrickson, L. M. DeArvil.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), L. M. DeArvil, Nellie Larson, Pearl Walker, Ethel Palmer, Martha Bowsfield, Jack Mearns.

Graduates: Maurice Buser, Melvin Glotfelty, Phyllis Hanson, Erwin Hough, Forrest Kable, Ada Keplinger, Ethyle McNett, Blanche Miller, Lois Miller, Helen Moore, Edna Nalley, Alice Ritson, Edna Satterfield, Florine Slaughter, Kath-



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL basket ball team of 1918 which made an unusually good record. Standing, from left to right, Harvey Long (manager), Dallas Baker, Dale Lizer, Ralph Samsel, Perley Rees (coach); sitting, Ralph Lizer, Harry Allen, Dwight Sharer, Pridmore Prugh and Henry Kessler.

ryn Snowberger, Harold Tracy, Charlotte Unger, Bessie Vetrovec, Emma White.

1925-1926—Grade faculty: Murl Bottlemy (Supt.), Margaret Tazewell, Marian Beck, Vivian Moore, Jane Wingard, O. L. Dustman, Carola Wells, Josephine Harney.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, L. M. DeArvil, Nellie Larson, Helen Abramson, Mary C. Martin, Evelyn Johnson.

Graduates: Nellie Avey, Leta Ballard, Helen Blair, D. L. Butler, Ivan Clapper, Pauline Davis, Opal Diehl, Alice Dunn, Florence Dunn, Marie Emmert, Mary Freeman, Jesse Fridley, Glorynne Hill, Ollie James, Evelyn Kitzmiller, Nina Messer, Laura Ocken, Elmer Paul, Kathryn Prugh, Nelson Rittenhouse, Mary Sanford, Evelyn Stage, Velda Windle.

1926-1927—Grade faculty: Clarence Selby (Supt.), Margaret Tazewell, Phyllis Warren, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Mary Smith, Ethel Wingard, Warren Patterson, Madeline Strain, Irene Rauch, Harold Patterson.

HAROLD A. PATTERSON has been superintendent of the grade school in Mount Morris (District No. 61) since 1929. He is the son of Rev. John W. and Daisy (Smith) Patterson and was born July 11, 1905, at White Hall, Ill. He graduated from the Sycamore (Ill.) High School in 1923; attended Mount Morris College in 1926 and 1927; attended the Northern Illinois State Teachers College in 1929, and received his M.A. degree from the University of Wyoming in 1933. He has been active in local affairs including Boy Scouts, Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis Club. He taught in the local grade school from 1926 to 1929 and since 1929 has been continuously elected superintendent. Mr. Patterson was married in 1928 to Phyllis M. Warren and they have three sons, John W., James E. and William W.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, L. M. DeArvil, Helen M. Abramson, Nellie L. Larson, Florence Dey, Mary C. Martin.

Graduates: Floy Avey, Orville Ballard, Gail Buser, Elmer Butler, Gladys Carr, Frank Crowell, Robert Dean, LeRoy Dohlen, Ruth Emmert, Josephine Glavincheff, Mildred Grush, Valorris Hoffman, Paul Horst, Herschel Keedy, Margaret Long, Robert McNett, June Mumma, Roger Niman, David Plum, John Shook, Vera Smith, Matteson Sprecher, Grover Thomas, Marian Thomas, Allen Yoder.

1927-1928—Grade faculty: Clarence Selby (Supt.), Margaret Tazewell, Phyllis Warren, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Marvel Massey, Ealy Grobe, Irene Rauch, Harold Patterson.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Helen M. Abramson, Katherine Whisler, Wilma Dieckmann, Marjorie Babbitt.

Graduates: Evelyn Avey, Carolyn Bachman, Clara Bucher, Dora Davis, Alice Emmert, Helen Green, Robert Lingle, Curtis Long, Maurice McNett, Merrill Meeker, Robert Middlekauff, David Miller, Ditha Oxley, Helen Pearce, Leland Potter, Dorothy Samsel, Willard Shively, Ralph Snodgrass, John Thomas, Raymond Young.

1928-1929—Grade faculty: Clarence Selby (Supt.), Margaret Tazewell, Phyllis Patterson, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Marvel Massey, Ealy Grobe, Bessie Stewart, Harold Patterson.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Marjorie Babbitt, Wilbur Ogden, Esther Carlson, Vivian Ellis, Freda Schmidt.

Graduates: Myrtle Allen, Robert Allen, Irma Armbruster, Edward Balluff, Ruth Beard, Martha Bush, Eugene Carr, Frank Carr, Marlin Carr, Harry Conrad, Keller Hightower, Justin Kable, Harry Keller, Joyce Longman, Eva Mae Miller, Gladys Rodeffer, Harold Rodeffer, Frances Schaar, Pauline Schnulle, Velda Stengle, Mary Thomas, Joe Vetrovec, Leslie A. Watt, Anna Watts, Cleo Windle, Forrest Young.

1929-1930—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Evelyn Peterson, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Ruth Kilmer, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Anna Ralston, Violet Stenstrom.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Freda Schmidt, Ruth Miller, Mary M. McColl, Maxine L. Johnson, Howard Bronson, Clarice Brodman.

Graduates: Dorothy Anderson, Cecil Armbruster, Velma Butterbaugh, Rosalie Crocker, Miriam Culler, Whitmer Curley, Leonard Eykamp, Hilda Hagerman, Bernice Hightower, Helma Horst, Merville Horst, Beatrice Horton, Lucille Jacobs, Pearl Keedy, Florence Newcomer, Ruth Niman, Paul Oxley, Lloyd Pearce, Ada Pieper, Kenneth Pittenger, Nelson Potter, William Price, Harriet Rees, Harold Ridenour, Leland Rittenhouse, Leonard Satterfield, Erma Stengle, Louise Raylor, Harriet Van Arsdale.

1930-1931—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Evelyn Peterson, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Ruth Kilmer, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Anna Ralston, Violet Stenstrom.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.) Paul J. Yoe, Freda Schcmidt, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Gladys Uhr, Ruth Reed, Marian Sympson.

Graduates: Ethel Allen, Ruby Ballard, Floyd Barbee, Walter Beard, Mildred Blake, Bernice Bruner, Floyd Butler, Dorothy Crocker, Genevieve Dean, Charles Finch, Mildred Freeman, John Gifford, Irene Gilbert, Robert Gloss, Evelyn Hanes, Everette Henderson, Frances Hepfer, Margie Hill, Roderick Kelsey, Mary King, Esther Link, Helen McNett, Claude Messer, Lucille Moats, Charles Muller, Hazel Park, Genevieve Pittenger, Margaret Ray, Kathryn Robbins, Anthony Rock, William Snodgrass, Clark Williams, Alfie Womack, John Zumdahl.

1931-1932—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Evelyn Peterson, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Oma Abuhl, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Anna Ralston, Evelyn Blomquist.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Gladys Uhr, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Marietta B. Storey, Wendall Schrader.

Graduates: Roy Allen, LaVonne Armbruster, Walter Blake, Doris Buser, Pearl Coffman, Russell Colburn, Mildred Davis, Lovita DeArvil, Harold Eykamp, Marie Fossler, Margaret Fridley, Bernice Fry, Paul Fry, Virginia Gloss, Raymond Glotfelty, Belva Hammer, Helen Hanes, Opal Herzfeldt, Dorothy Horton, Ina James, Robert Kable, Kathryn Keller, Elsie Klepfer, Vivian Koontz, Glenn Kretsinger, Roberta Long, Harold Longman, Lyle Meeker, Georgia Messer, Lloyd Nalley, Clairine Pearce, Ruth Pieper, Elaine Rothermel, Merlin Shook, Edna Sisemore, Jane Slaughter, Anna Stengel, Grace Stengle, Myron Stengle, Forrest Stevens, Marian Stonebraker, Frances Stull, Robert Thomas, Helen Tice, Lois Unger, Margaret Weller, Howard Wells, Lillie Womack, Martha Wright, Irene Zellers, Kenneth Zellers.

1932-1933—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Vera Rhone, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Oma Abuhl, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Evelyn Blomquist, Violet Stenstrom.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Gladys Uhr, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Marietta B. Storey, Wendall Schrader.

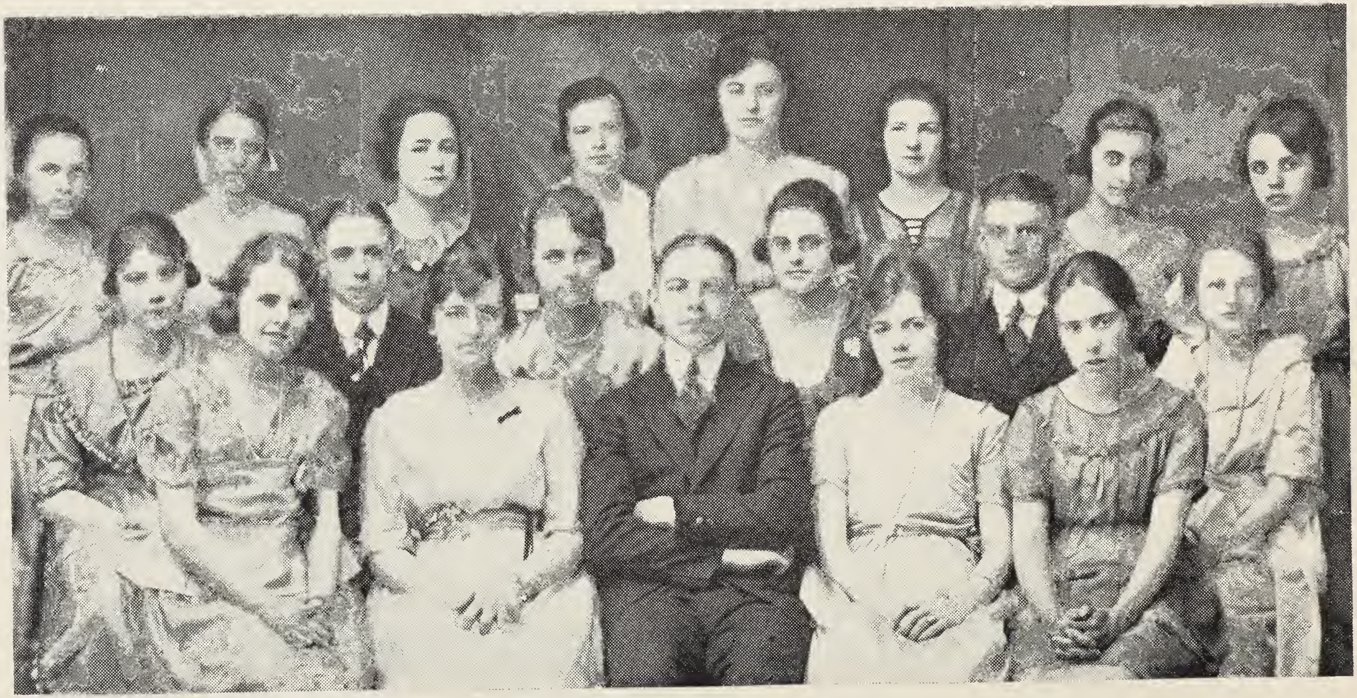
Graduates: Earl Anderson, Harry Anderson, Bernadine Baker, James Baker, Ada Ballard, Andrew Ballard, Lyle Balluff, Henry Bearden, Harold Bearman, Melba Binkley, Lorraine Blecker, Benjamin Colvin, Lenora Conrad, Faustina Curley, Everett Dean, Donald Diehl, Eldon Diehl, Bernice Feary, Robert Hollinger, Leland Horst, Richard Hudson, Hazel Kimmel, Robert Klepfer, Wendell Marsh, Walter Martin, Robert McCune, Lola Nalley, Lucile Newcomer, Mildred Newcomer, LaVelta Oxley, Margaret Palmer, Charles Pieper, Phyllis Robbins, LaVern Rock, Arlene Rohns, Evelyn Satterfield, William Saunders, Ruth Thomas, Carol Thompson, Rosie Vetrovec, Marcella Wallace, Kathryn Wolfe, Paul Yount.

1933-1934—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Vera Rhone, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Oma Abuhl, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Evelyn Blomquist.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Marietta B. Storey, Wendall Schrader, Marian Dean.

Graduates: Virginia Abramson, Lloyd Armbruster, Helen Avey, Ruth Avey, Ruth Baker, Sherwood Baker, Pauline Ballard, Calvin Balluff, Franklyn Balluff, Allison Blake, Arnold Blake, Arlene Coblentz, Fern Diehl, Leona Dirksen, Elizabeth Emmert, Opal Estes, Wayne

J. LESLIE PIERCE taught vocal music in the Mount Morris High School from 1930 to 1937, also was head of the voice department of Mount Morris College from 1930 to 1932, and the grade school from 1934 to 1937. He was also choir director of the Lutheran Church choir. He is the son of John T. and Anna (Bryant) Pierce and was born at Princeton, Ind., Dec. 4, 1904. He graduated from the Princeton High School in 1922 and from Eureka (Ill.) College in 1930. He is now located in New York City and in 1938 will receive his M.A. in Musical Education at Columbia University. He has charge of the vocal department of McBurney School, a private school for boys in New York City. Mr. Pierce was married to Mary Royer McNett in February, 1937.



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL Graduating Class of 1920. First row, left to right, Florence Wine, Pearl Butterbaugh, James Simester, Ada Sprecher, Vera O'Hara; second row, Ruth Wagner, Douglas Ross, Iva Zumdahl, Bernice Samsel, Hugh Felker, Josephine Waddelow; third row, Mary Cripe, Mary O'Hara, Frances Weller, Jessie Coddington, Marie Camling, Vivian Hendrickson, Helen Clevidence, Letha Wagner.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1922. Front row, left to right, Ethel Davis, Gladys Plum, Donna Bibler, Mildred Crawford, Marjorie Walker; second row, Thornton Prugh, Harold Middlekauff, Irlene Walker, Maurita Peacock, Lucille Hanes, George Hendrickson, Robert Sharer; back row, Merl Cripe, John Glotfelty, David Kabele, Henry Stengel, Gerald Hough, John Towns, Darrell Toms, Carroll Boston, Harry Bock, Leland Cratty.

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GRADUATING CLASS of 1923 of the Mount Morris High School. Upper row, left to right: Stanley Boston, Amy Eigenbrode, Harlan McNett, Irvin Zumdahl, Mary Wishard, Dorothy Niman, Ralph Sanford, Ruth Miller, Burton Avey, Mark Crawford; front row, Eva Carr, Marian Miller, Guinivere Asay, Anna Vetrovec, Helen Fossler, Sadie Seyster, Bernice Moats.

OGLE COUNTY
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CHAMPIONSHIP

THIS Mount Morris High School Basketball Team of 1922 won the Ogle County championship in a tournament at Rochelle. Those in the picture are, back row, from left to right, John Glotfelty, Darrell Toms, Wentworth Sharer (coach), Emmert Samsel, Harry Bock; front row, Robert Sharer, George Hendrickson, Harold Middlekauff, Thornton Prugh.

Ford, Fulton Freedlund, Wilma Hammann, William Hightower, Wayne Hollinger, Rosalie Jern, Virginia Kable, James McGee, Jane McGee, Gwenevere Miller, Denelda Parkinson, Vernie Mae Pittenger, Robert Robbins, Eugene Rouse, Lois Samsel, Lloyd Sprecher, Alma Stengle, Esther Stengle, Josephine Stimax, Florence Thomas, Cletus Walker, William Webster, Cleo Whetsel, Anna Zellers, Darrell Zellers, Ward Zimmerman.

1934-1935—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Grace Pfiel, Vera Rhone, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Oma Abuhl, Ealy Grobe, Jean Lindberg, Evelyn Blomquist.

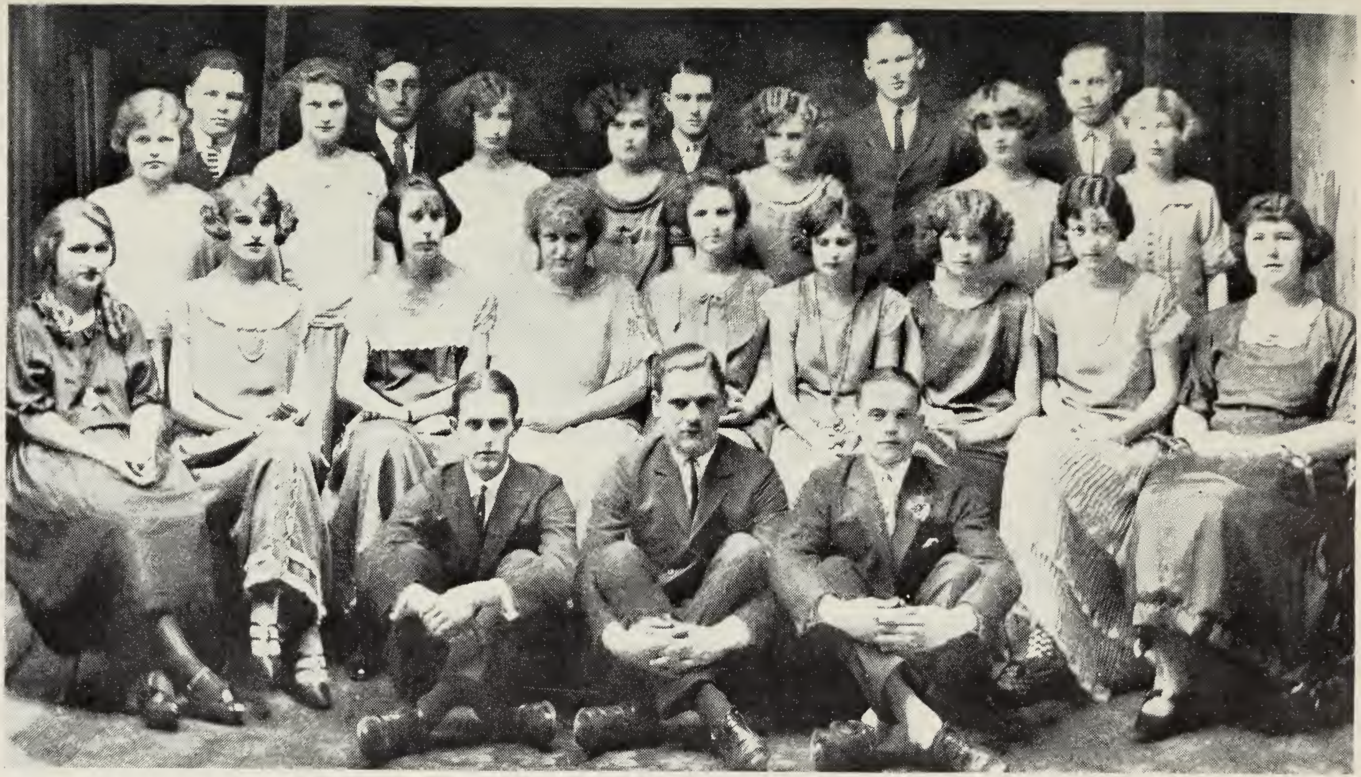
High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, Marian Dean, E. R. Henricks, Beth Hower.

Graduates: William Asp, Elbert Barbee, Margaret Beard, Ralph Blake, Helen Blecker, Lois Bruner, Clarence Chambers, Richard Dierdorf, Evonne Few, Ralph Fry, Dorothy Garkey, Mary E. Hanes, Merle Henricks, Donald Horst, Clyde James, Lou Cartha Jones, Gordon Kimmel, Earl King, Eunice Long, Robert Marshall, Tom Martin, Marian McNett, Hubert Moats, Wayne Mumma, George Myers, Irene Priller, George Ray, Ethel Reiken, Roy Rowe, Elnora Suter, William Unger, Bernice Van Arsdale, John Wallace.

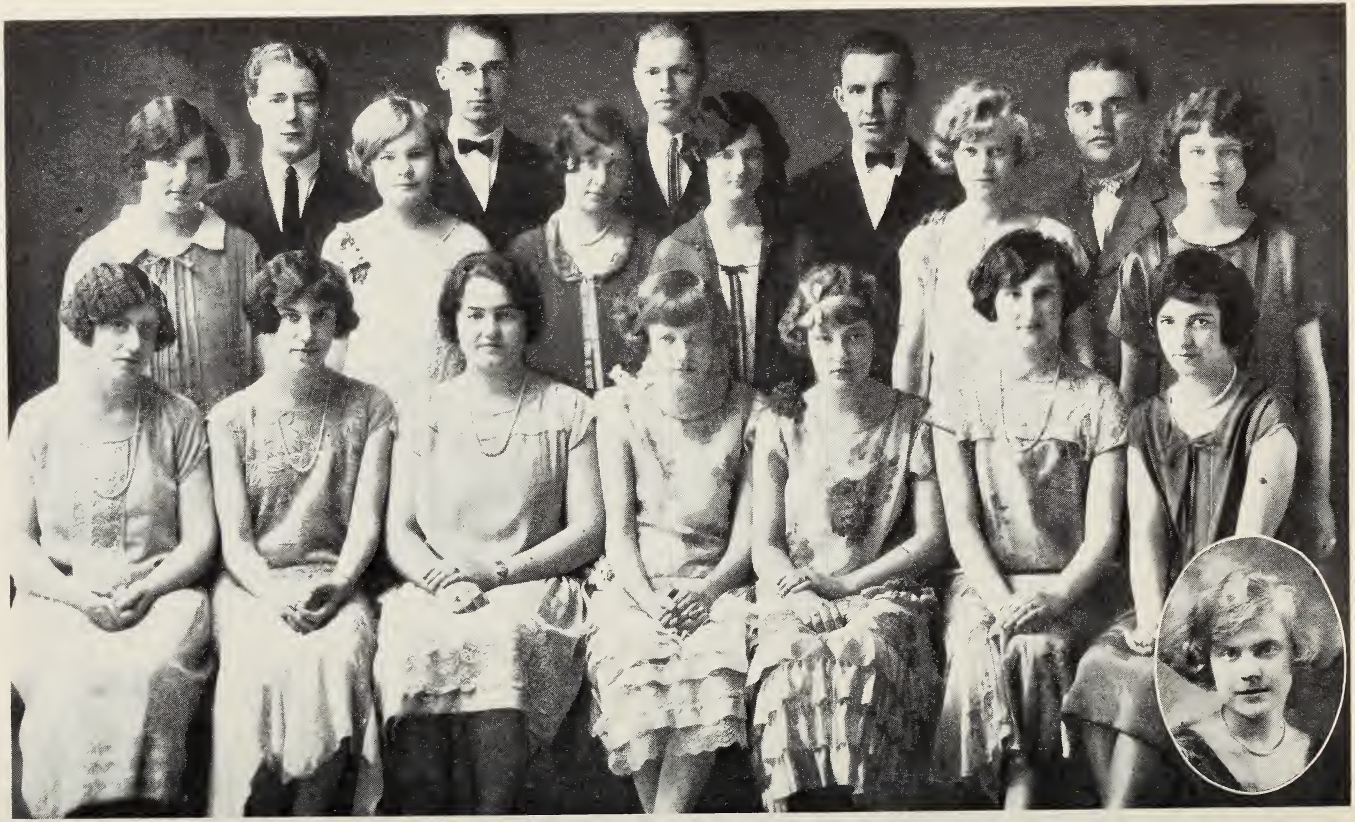
1935-1936—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Alice Lambert, Kathleen Peugh, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Jane Locke, Thelma Mott, Virgil Turner, Merle Hawbecker, J. Leslie Pierce, Beth Hower.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, E. R. Henricks, Nellie Bishop, Beth Hower.

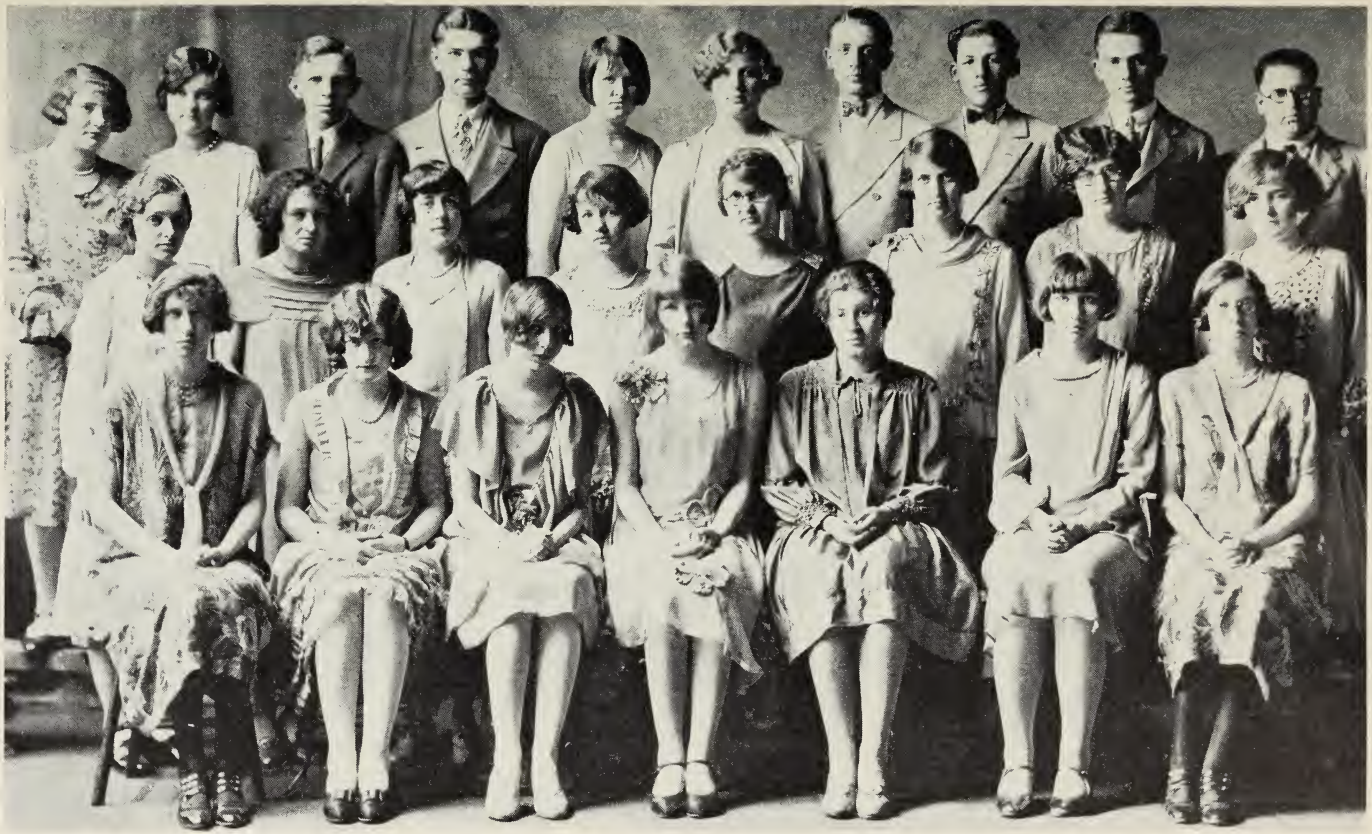
Graduates: Carmen Baker, Robert Binkley, Harlan Blake, Harold Blake, Lola Blake, Lawrence Chambers, Olive Conrad, Louise Curley, Myron Davis, Lester Deets, Fred Drexler, Jeanne Duncan, Audrey Estes, Esther Fossler, Frank Graf, Blanche Hammer, Stanley James, Esther Kretsinger, Emmert McCune, Raymond Moody, Keithra Palmer, C. Mae Pieper, Gordon Pittenger, Joe Ritson, Josephine Rock, Nellie Shoemaker,



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS of 1924. Back row, standing, left to right, Fred Fulton, Richard Woy, Winfield Colvin, Theodore Thomas, Chas. Ross; second row, standing, Gladys Nalley, Jennie Bush, Lillian Lookabaugh, Grace Ritson, Edna Rohns, Elizabeth Dickson, Jeanette Watts; girls sitting, Ethel Sanford, June Middlekauff, Josephine Sprecher, Myrtice Snodgrass, Grace Eykamp, Mary McCready, Mildred Wishard, Marjorie Davison, Mary Thomas; sitting in front, Frank Yoder, Emmert Samsel, Russell Brown.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1925. Front row, left to right, Blanche Miller, Florine Slaughter, Ada Keplinger, Bessie Vetrovec, Phyllis Hanson, Kathryn Snowberger, Helen Moore, Ethyle McNett (insert); second row, Emma White, Alice Ritson, Edna Nalley, Charlotte Unger, Lois Miller, Edna Satterfield; back row, Harold Tracy, Erwin Hough, Maurice Buser, Melvin Glotfelty, Forrest Kable.



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1926. Back row, left to right, Ollie James, Alice Keedy, Jesse Fridley, D. L. Butler, Evelyn Kitzmiller, Leta Ballard, Ivan Clapper, Elmer Paul, Nelson Rittenhouse, Wilbur Wyckoff; center row, Mary Freeman, Velda Windle, Helen Blair, Kitty Prugh, Mary Sanford, Marie Emmert, Opal Diehl, Pauline Davis; front row, Alice Dunn, Nina Messer, Nellie Avey, Evelyn Stage, Laura Ocken, Glorynne Hill, Florence Dunn.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA OF 1928: Front row, left to right, Cleo Stimax, Alice Emmert, Harriet Rees, Helma Horst, Helen Pearce, Robert Gloss; back row, Roderick Kelsey, Cecil Armbruster, Floyd Barbee, Forrest Young, Miss Marjorie Babbitt (director), Chas. Finch, Lloyd Pearce, Leslie Watt, Robert Middlekauff, Merrill Meeker.

Gilbert Silvius, LaVerne Stauffer, Donald Stonebraker, Harry Suter, Helen Thomas, Samuel Thomas, Harriet Thompson, John Tice, Martha Wright.

1936-1937—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Alice Lambert, Kathleen Peugh, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Jane Locke, Thelma Mott, Virgil Turner, Merle Hawbecker, J. Leslie Pierce, Beth Hower.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, J. Leslie Pierce, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, E. R. Henricks, Nellie Bishop, L. N. Patton, Beth Hower.

Graduates: Mark Asp, Donald Avey, Harvey Billsborough, Joyce Brewer, Robert Clapper, Leo Crocker, Burton Davis, Lorene Davis, Murray DeArvil, Jane Devine, Minnie Diehl, Doris Doyle, Marjorie Ford, Fay Forman, Elsie Heinhorst, Dale Henricks, Francine Hilger, Helen Holsinger, Phyllis Hoover, Florence Huthansel, Mathias Huthansel, Elmer Keller, Harriet Kreider, Oscar Leekley, Lois Lingle, Doris Marsh, Floyd McChesney, Robert Merriman, Ronald Miller, Leone Nalley, Raymond Newcomer, Adelaide Noble, Ruth Parkinson, Preston Pittenger, Melvin Priller, Dixie Rick, Margaret Rowe, Arthur Sander, Delbert Schell, Albert Schlagenhaufen, Dorothy Silvius, Loraine Stull, Sara Jane Tice, Clarence Tracy, Betty Yerkey, Marjorie Yerkey, Archie Zellers, Doris Zimmerman.

1937-1938—Grade faculty: Harold Patterson (Supt.), Alice Lambert, Kathleen Peugh, Ruth Berry, Jane Wingard, Jane Locke, Thelma Mott, Virgil Turner, Merle Hawbecker, Elizabeth McDanels, Beth Hower.

High School faculty: I. R. Hendrickson (Supt.), Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, Marian Sympson, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, E. R. Henricks, Nellie Bishop, L. N. Patton, Beth Hower, Irene Sweet.

Graduates: George Finch, Lee Loomis, Francis Baker, Charlotte Avey, Ethel Balluff, Helen Barnhizer, Arlene Binkley, Eugene Blake, Robert Brewer, James Bruner, Talmage Castle, Willis Castle, Robert Cratty, Bonnie Croft, Warren Davidson, Mildred Dierdorff, Mildred Estes, Christine Freedlund, Evelyn Graf, Marian Guiles, Jeanette Hammann, Norma Hammer, Roger Haney, Harlan Herzfeldt, Marian Hilger, Paul Johnson, Carl Kirtz, Raymond Link, Rebecca McNett, Bette Martin, Ruth Meeker, Alvin Messer, Leland Messer, Earl Muller, Delbert Newcomer, Richard Park, Velma Paul, Donald Personnette, Morris Pieper, Ruby Pieper, Marilyn Ransone, Joe Robbins, Glenn Rock, June Rowe, Frances Sawyer,

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM of 1925, which won district championship over 16 competing teams. Front row, left to right, Royal Johnson, Melvin Glotfelty, Harold Alter, Forrest Kable, Warren Shook; back row, Coach Mearns, Robert McNett, Harold Tracy, Elmer Paul, Robert Dean, Allen Yoder.

MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1928. First row, left to right, Carolyn Bachman, Robert Lingel, Ditha Oxley, Willard Shively, Dora Davis, Curtis Long, Dorothy Samsel, Merrill Meeker; second row, Evelyn Avey, Ralph Snodgrass, Robert Middlekauff, Raymond Young, David Miller, Helen Green; third row, John Thomas, Helen Pearce, Maurice McNett, Alice Emmert, Leland Potter, Clara Bucher.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY, 1928-1929: Upper row, left to right, Freda Schmidt, Marjorie Babbitt, Esther Carlson, Vivian Ellis; lower row, Wilbur Ogden, Ira R. Hendrickson (superintendent), Paul Yoe.

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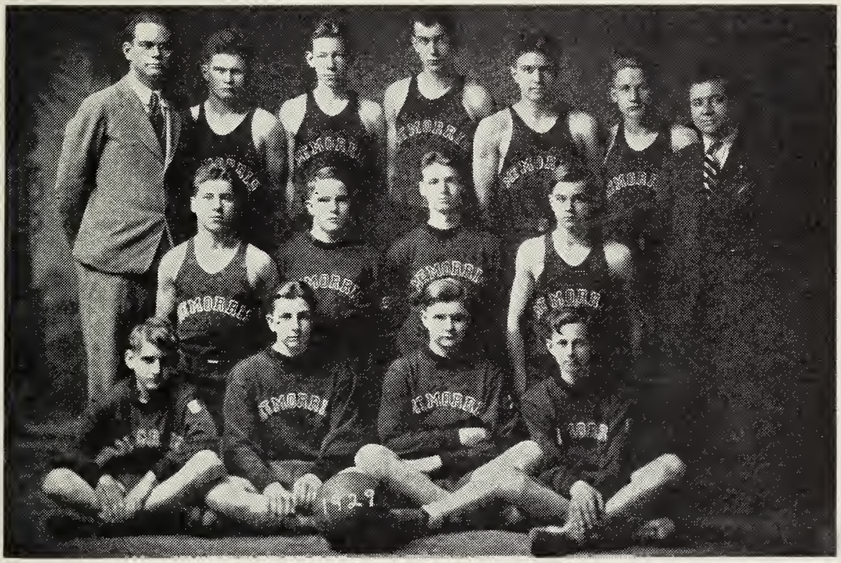
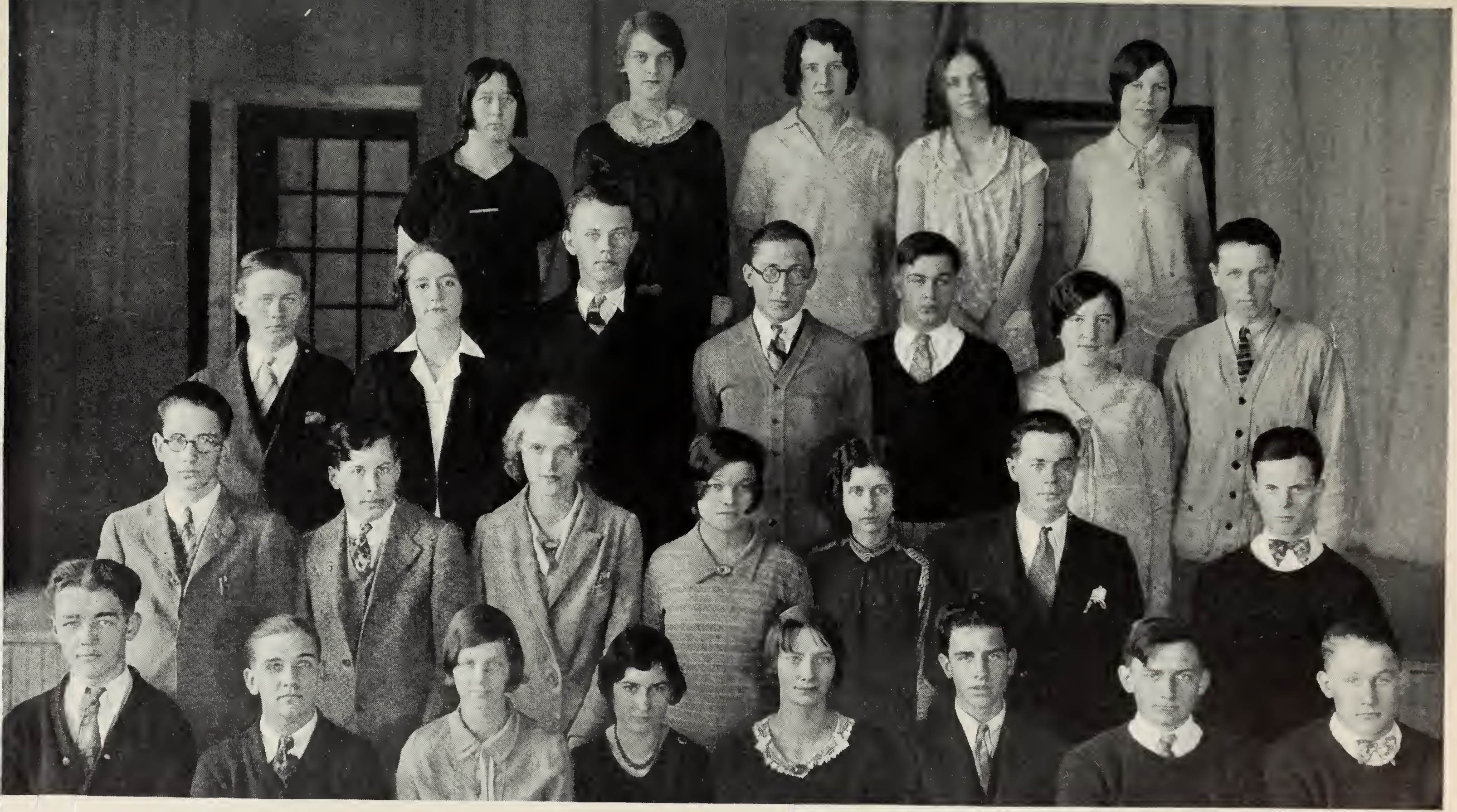


BASKETBALL SQUAD of 1928-29 of Mount Morris High School. Front row, left to right, Harold Longman, Kenneth Zellers, Harold Ridenour, Roy Allen; second row, William Selby, Leland Rittenhouse, Chas. Finch, Robert Allen; standing, William Price (manager), George Carr, Lloyd Pearce, Chas. Muller, Nelson Potter, Marlin Carr, Coach Paul Yoe.

JUNIOR CLASS OF 1929, most of whom graduated in 1930. Front row, left to right, Lucille Jacobs, Harriet Van Arsdale, Rosalie Crocker, Velma Butterbaugh, Ada Pieper, Beatrice Horton, Dorothy Anderson, Pearl Keedy, Cleo Stimax; second row, Helma Horst, Florence Newcomer, Ruth Wine, Harriet Rees, Louise Taylor, Erma Stengel, Bernice Hightower, Miriam Culler, Ruth Niman; third row, John Selby, Nelson Potter, Lloyd Pearce, Charles Muller, Howard Corbett, William Price, Harold Ridenour, Merville Horst; top row, Ira Davis, William Selby, Kenneth Pittenger, Leonard Eykamp, Cecil Armbruster, Paul Oxley, Leland Rittenhouse.



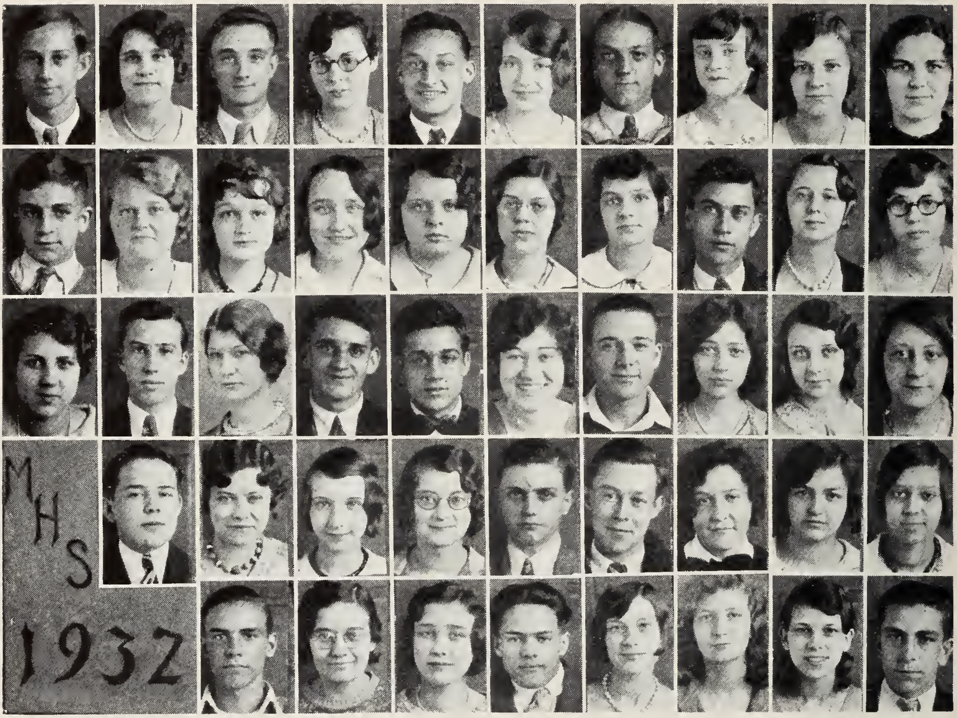
GRADUATING CLASS OF 1929, Mount Morris High School. First row, left to right, Keller Hightower, Justin Kable, Myrtle Allen, Joyce Longman, Velda Stengel, Edward Balluff, Forrest Young, Marlin Carr; second row, Leslie Watt, Harry Conrad, Pauline Schnulle, Martha Bush, Anna Watts, Eugene Carr, Clark Smith; third row, Frank Carr, Irma Armbruster, Joe Vetrovec, Harry Keller, Robert Allen, Eva Miller, Harold Rodeffer; back row, Cleo Windle, Frances Schaar, Gladys Rodeffer, Ruth Beard, Mary Thomas.

Eldon Smith, Merle Snodgrass, LaVerne Sprecher, Pauline Sprecher, Louise Stiger, Lois Stonebraker, Ruth Taylor, Ferne Thomas, Edward Webster, Wilbur Whetzel, Velma Zellers.

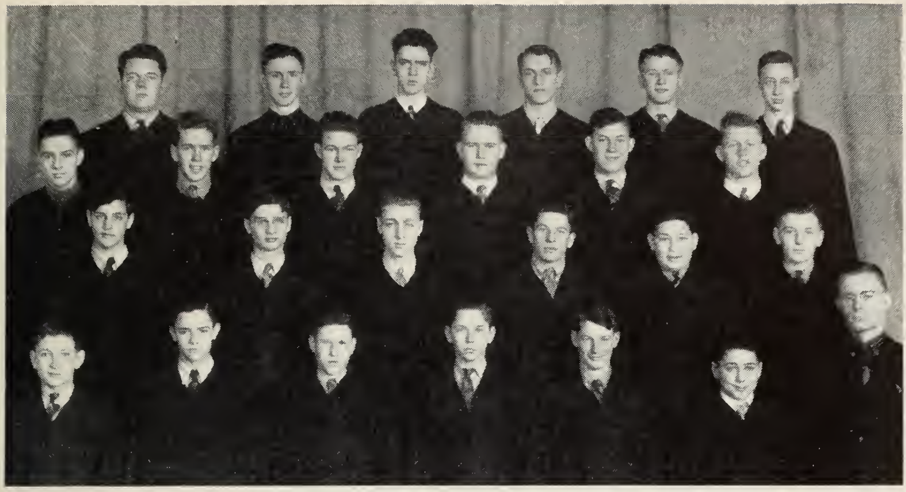
Since the opening of the school year in 1926 the upper three grades of the grade school have been operating under a departmental organization whereby each of the teachers, in grades six, seven and eight, teach special subjects to all pupils in these grades. During the present school year (1937-1938) the local grade school became the first city elementary school in Ogle County to receive a "Superior" rating from the State Department of Public Instruction. The achievement of this rating is the result of a carefully-planned program of improvement, carried on by the Board of Education over a period of years. Brief sketches of the grade school teachers follow:

Miss Alice Lambert, DeKalb, Ill. Graduate normal training course at Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at Colorado University and the University of Washington. Teaches first grade and conducts the summer kindergarten. Came here in 1935 from the DeKalb County schools.

Miss Kathleen Peugh, Coleta, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course



JUNIOR CLASS OF 1931, all of whom graduated in 1932: Top row, left to right, Roy Allen, Lavonne Armbruster, Walter Blake, Doris Buser, Russell Colburn, Mildred Davis, Harold Eykamp, Marie Fossler, Margaret Fridley, Bernice Fry; second row, Paul Fry, Virginia Gloss, Belva Hammer, Helen Hanes, Opal Herzfeldt, Dorothy Horton, Ina James, Robert Kable, Kathryn Keller, Elsie Klepfer; third row, Vivian Koontz, Glenn Kretsinger, Roberta Long, Harold Longman, Lyle Meeker, Georgia Messer, Lloyd Nalley, Clarine Pearce, Ruth Pieper, Elaine Rothermel; fourth row, Merlin Shook, Edna Sizemore, Anna Stengel, Grace Stengel, Myron Stengel, Forrest Stevens, Marian Stonebraker, Frances Stull, Helen Tice; bottom row, Robert Thomas, Lois Unger, Margaret Weller, Howard Wells, Lillie Womack, Martha Wright, Irene Zellers, Kenneth Zellers.



BOYS' GLEE CLUB, 1937: Front row, Bryant Zimmerman, Gene Nunn, Conroy Baker, Wilbur Whetzel, Martin Deets, John Yoe, J. Leslie Pierce (director); second row, Eugene Stull, Richard Park, Dale Henricks, Eldon Smith, Robert Robinson, Richard Steffen; third row, Eugene Marshall, Mark Asp, Fay Forman, Lee Loomis, Robert Newcomer, Matthias Huthansel; back row, Clarence Tracy, Delbert Schell, Wallace Smith, Robert Kump, James Bruner, Harold Ross.

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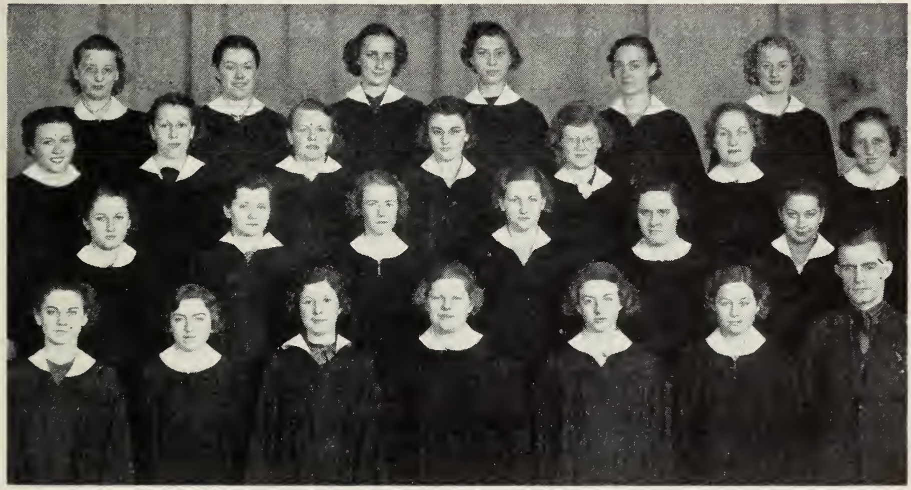


GIRLS' GLEE CLUB, 1937: Front row, left to right, Doris Zimmerman, Lorene Davis, Betty Martin, Dorothy Silvius, Ethel Balluff, Doris Marsh, J. Leslie Pierce (director); second row, Maryalice Olsen, Evelyn Graf, Charlotte Avey, Pauline Stengel, Harriet Kreider, Francine Hilger; third row, Jennette Hammann, Rebecca McNett, Darlene Duckworth, Adelaide Noble, Evone Cain, Phyllis Hoover, Doris Hoover; back row, Helen Barnhizer, Jane Devine, Isabel Kelsey, Mildred Dierdorff, Ruth Meeker, Velma Paul.

at Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at Colorado University. Teaches second grade and came here in 1934 from the Genoa, Ill., public schools.

Miss Ruth Berry, Lee Center, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course at the Illinois State Normal University with additional work at National College of Education at Evanston, Ill., and the State Teachers College at Whitewater, Wis. Teaches the third grade and came here in 1926 from the public schools of Portland, Ore.

Miss Jane Wingard, Mount Morris, Ill. A.B. degree from Mount Morris College with additional work at the University of Chicago and Montana University. Teaches the fourth grade and came here in 1925 from South Dakota to take charge of the practice teaching of Mount Morris College.

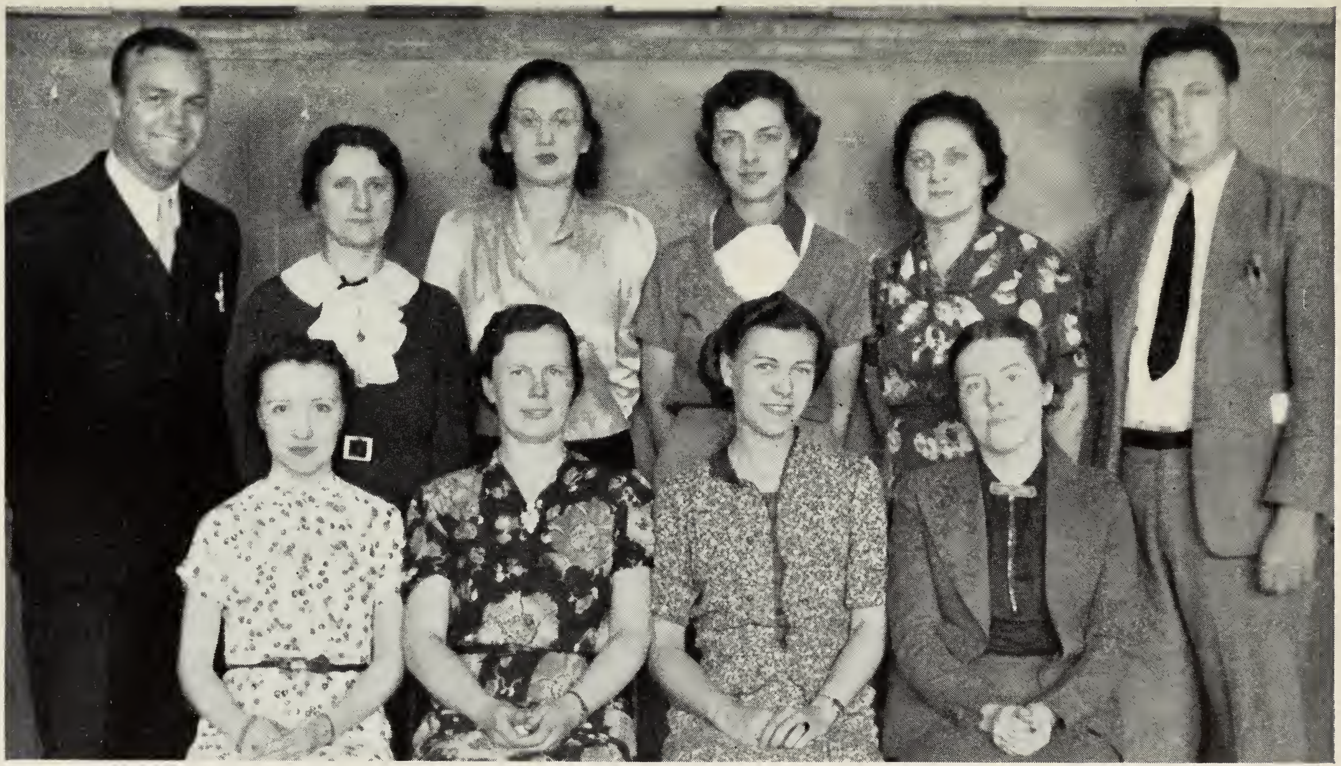
Miss Jane Locke, Rockford, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington. Came here in 1934 from the Teachers College.

Miss Thelma Mott, Pontiac, Ill. A.B. degree from Eureka College with additional work at the Illinois State Normal University and the University of Colorado. Teaches English, reading and spelling in the junior high school and is the home room advisor for the sixth grade. Came here in 1934 from the Winnebago County schools.

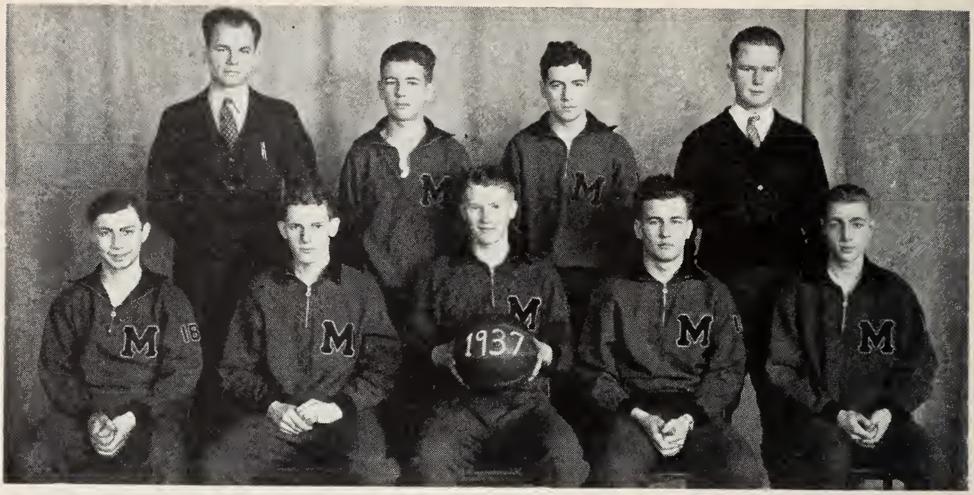
Miss Virgil Turner, Ridott, Ill. Graduate from the normal training course at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington. Teaches physical education, home economics and general science in the junior high school and acts as home room advisor for the seventh grade. Came here in 1934 from the public schools of Ridott, Ill.

Mr. Merle Hawbecker, Lanark, Ill. Graduate with A.B. degree from Mount Morris College with advanced work at

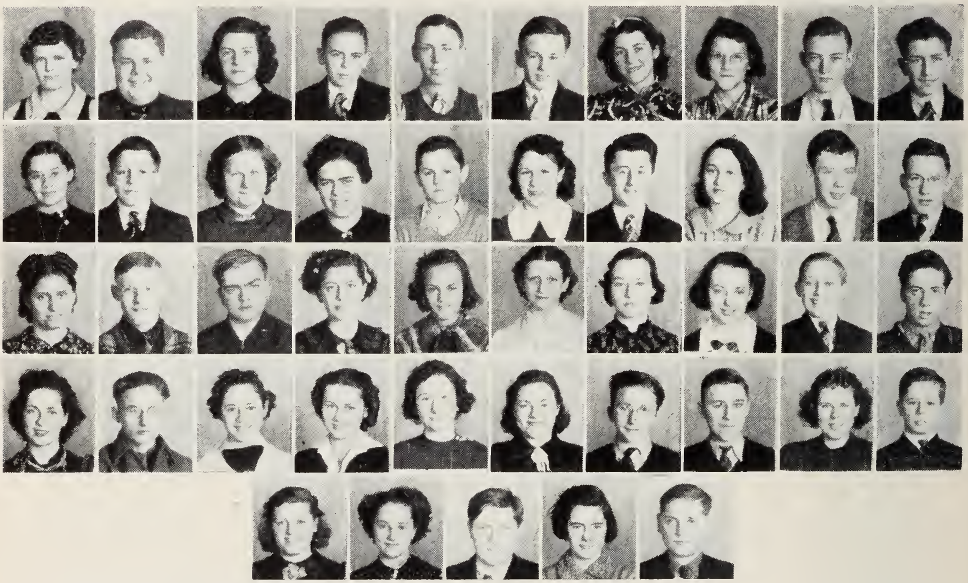
A COMBINATION grade and high school band has been in existence for several years. Miss Beth Hower is the present instructor and director, and the organization has made a very creditable showing. The above picture was taken in 1937 and the members are as follows: Top row, J. Q. Davis, Lee Loomis, Delbert Schell, Ronald Miller, James Bruner, Burton Davis, Edward Webster, Clarence Tracy, Richard McNett; third row, Richard Steffen, Richard Park, Matthias Huthansel, Dale Henricks, Evone Cain, Dorothy Silvius, Velma Paul, Robert Knodle, Robert Kump, Marshal Woodworth; second row, Donald Marsh, Harriet Kreider, Jeanette Hammann, Kenneth Muller, Mary Edson, Tena Suter, Claremont Michael, Thomas Ivins, Edward Miller; front row, Lorene Davis, Maryalice Olsen, Robert Johnson, Richard Fry, Arnold Blecker, Andrew Bolinger, John Yoe, Ronald Lizer, William Chaffee, Doris Zimmerman, Beth Hower.



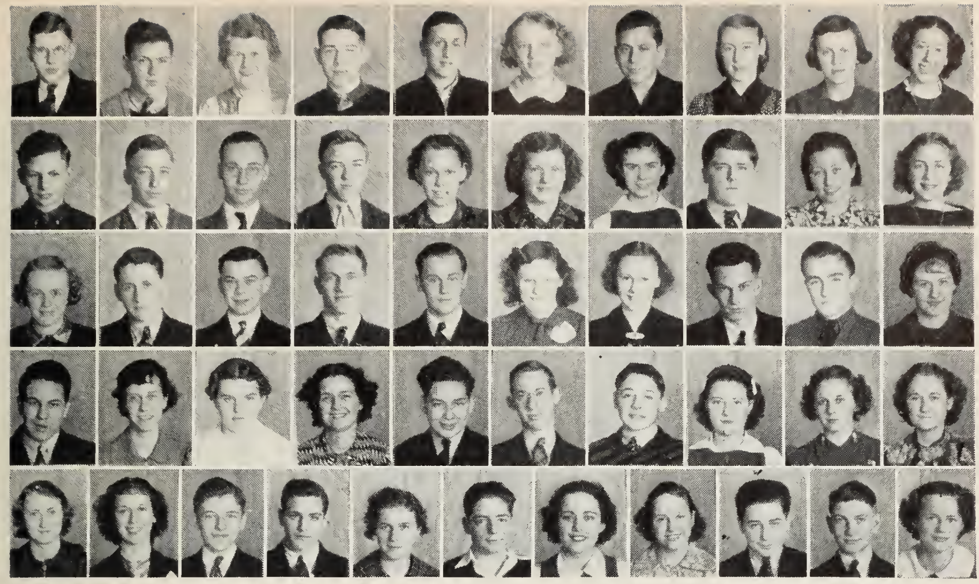
MOUNT MORRIS GRADE SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1938: Back row, left to right: Harold Patterson (Superintendent), Jane Wingard (Fourth Grade), Betty McDanels (Music and Art), Jane Locke (Fifth Grade), Ruth Berry (Third Grade), Merle Hawbecker (Eighth Grade); Front row, Kathleen Peugh (Second Grade), Alice Lambert (First Grade), Virgil Turner (Seventh Grade), Thelma Mott (Sixth Grade).



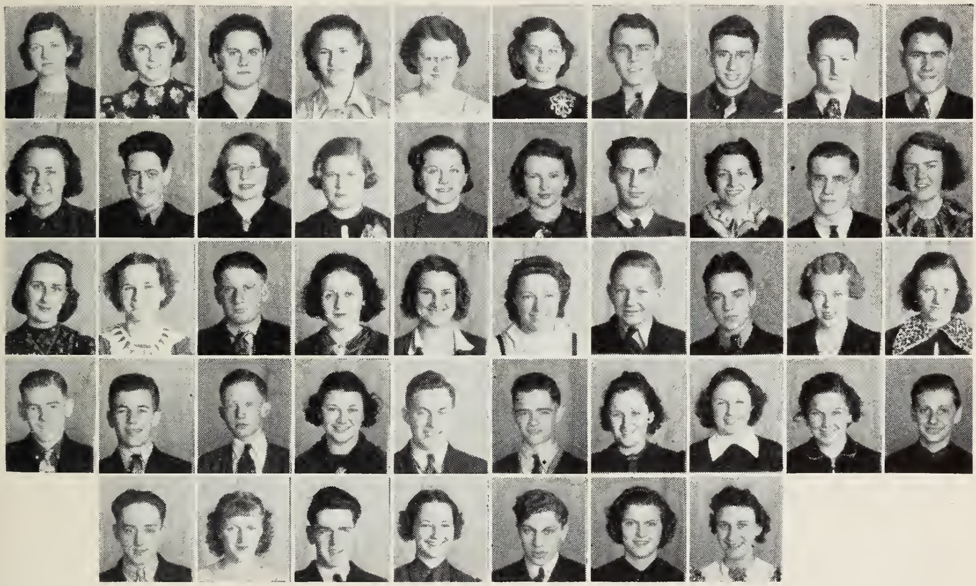
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SQUAD of 1937: Front row, left to right, Melvin Priller, Archie Zellers, James Bruner, Ronald Miller, Dale Henricks; back row, Coach Shrader, Edward Miller, Murray DeArvil, Lee Loomis (manager).



FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Mary Libby Allen, Eugene Baker, Helen Baker, Robert Burke, Duane Claussen, Jim Coffman, Dorothy Corbett, Lois Corbett, Warren Eatinger, Galen Fry; second row, Marjorie Horst, Darrell Hurdle, Pearl Jiracek, Raymond Kinzie, Marjorie Kirtz, Tom Leonard, Clara Manny, Russell Merriman, Claremont Michael; third row, Mary Miller, Robert Miller, Charles Noffsinger, Flossie Norris, Leona Palmer, Doris Pieper, Betty Rausch, Mary Rose, William Ross, Merlin Rothermel; fourth row, Alma Rouse, Leroy Saunders, Peggy Sawyer, Jeanne Smith, Lois Sprecher, Mary Louise Stiger, Dale Strohecher, Dan Stoub, Tena Mae Suter, Charles Spiker; bottom row, Ferne Waddelow, Betty Williams, Winfred Wragg, Audrey Wynne, Lawrence Zumdahl.



SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Conroy Baker, Harlan Baker, Opal Ballard, Charles Beard, Leroy Bearman, Lorraine Brautignan, Gerald Brinker, Marian Brinker, Myrtle Burke, Jean Davison; second row, Max Diehl, Robert Diehl, Roderick Drexler, Lawrence Eatinger, Mary Bea Edson, Pauline Estes, Shirley Frey, John Graf, Helen Grove, Jeanette Hilger; third row, Darlene Horst, Leo Horst, Robert Knodle, Robert Kump, Richard Leekly, Ruth Leekly, Pauline McHenry, Howard McKim, Richard McNett, Dorothy Meader; fourth row, Donald Miller, Odelia Mongan, Charlotte Palmer, Carol Pittenger, Robert Robinson, Harold Ross, Charles Schmucker, Bernice Schrieber, Jean Smith, Margaret Snodgrass; bottom row, Ruth Snodgrass, Dorothy Spiker, Richard Steffen, Eugene Stuff, Lillian Summers, Charles Towns, Harriet Weller, Emma Wittge, John Yoe, Bryant Zimmerman, Phyllis Zumdahl.



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Betty Abramson, Margaret Allen, Harriet Avey, Marian Binkley, Evone Cain, Berniece Chambers, Manley Claussen, Wilford Coblentz, Russell Corbett, Robert Dickson; second row, Lois Diehl, Russell Diehl, Darlene Duckworth, Lois Fossler, Kathryn Graf, Doris Guiles, Homer Harshbarger, Blanche Heathrington, Robert Hudson, Virginia Hyland; third row, Isabel Kelsey, Pauline Leonard, Donald Link, Clesta McCoy, Leona McKee, Clara McKee, Donald Marsh, Eugene Marshall, Jeanne Merriman, Edna Mae Messer, fourth row, Russell Messer, Edward Miller, Kenneth Muller, Dorothy Nalley, Robert Newcomer, Eugene Nunn, Maryalice Olsen, Norma Palmer, Joyce Parkinson, Leo Ridenour; bottom row, Frank Rose, Helen Shoemaker, Wallace Smith, Annette Towns, Donald Waddelow, Helen Wallace, Dorothy Watt.

PROF. HAROLD A. HOFF was engaged as superintendent of the Mount Morris High School for the year 1938-1939, succeeding the long term of Prof. I. R. Hendrickson. He is a graduate of Mount Morris College, class of 1924, and of the University of Wisconsin, class of 1932. For 14 years previous to coming to Mount Morris he was superintendent of the Milledgeville High School where he made an enviable record. He is the son of Ephriam J. and Elizabeth (Boyd) Hoff and was born June 14, 1899, at McPherson, Kans. Prof. Hoff married Mabel Price in 1926 and they have one daughter, Janice Mae.

Northwestern University. Teaches social science and arithmetic in the junior high school and acts as home room advisor for the eighth grade. Came here in 1934.

In the High School, Prof. Hendrickson is retiring after serving the school since 1915. His place as superintendent is being filled by Prof. Harold A. Hoff. The other members of the faculty for 1938-1939 will be as follows: Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, Sarah Gnagey, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, E. R. Henricks, Nellie Bishop, Beth Hower, M. R. Dunk, Arnold Thomas, Mrs. Wendell Schrader.

The development and growth of the schools in Mount Morris have been truly remarkable. As late as 1913, the entire teaching staff of both the grades and high school consisted of only six teachers including the principal. In 1938, the faculty of the grade school consists of eleven members and the high school faculty consists of a like number. The number of graduates has increased from nine that graduated in 1913 to a class of fifty-five in 1938.

Brief sketches of the high school teachers of the school year 1937-1938 follow:

Paul J. Yoe, Cleveland, Ohio. University of Dubuque, (A.B.), Dubuque, Iowa. Graduate work at University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois. Came to Mount Morris in 1925. Teacher of Science and coach from 1925-1933.

Eldo R. Henricks, LaPlace, Ill. Mount Morris College (A.B.), Graduate work at University of Illinois. (Will receive A.M. in August, 1938). Came to Mount Morris high school in 1935. Teacher of Mathematics.

Leigh N. Patton, Mt. Carroll, Ill. University of Illinois. Graduate work at Colorado State College, Boulder, Colo. Came to Mount Morris in 1936. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

Wendell H. Schrader, DesPlaines, Ill. Coe College (A.B.), Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Came to Mount Morris in 1931. Teacher of Social Sciences and Coach of Athletics.

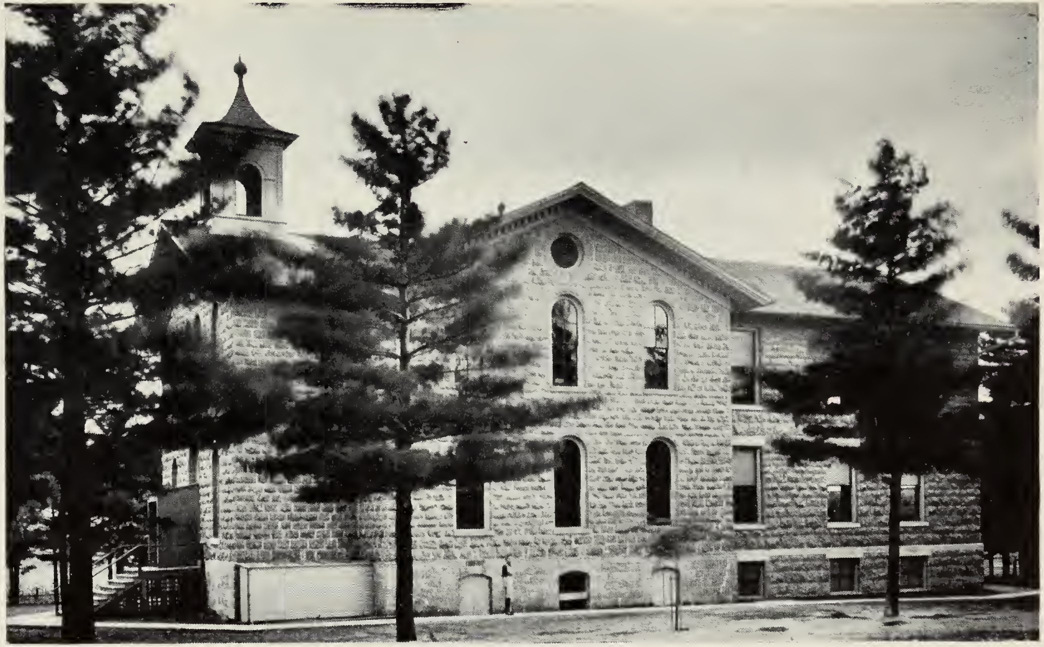
Mary Marlowe McColl, Beatrice, Nebr. University of Nebraska (A.B.). Graduate work at University of Nebraska, University of Mexico. Came to Mount Morris in 1929. Teaches Latin, Spanish, English.

Irene Freeman Sweet (Mrs. Donald Sweet), Polo, Ill. Wheaton College, Drake University Conservatory, Sherwood Music School, University of Wisconsin. Came to Mount Morris in 1937. Taught music and English.

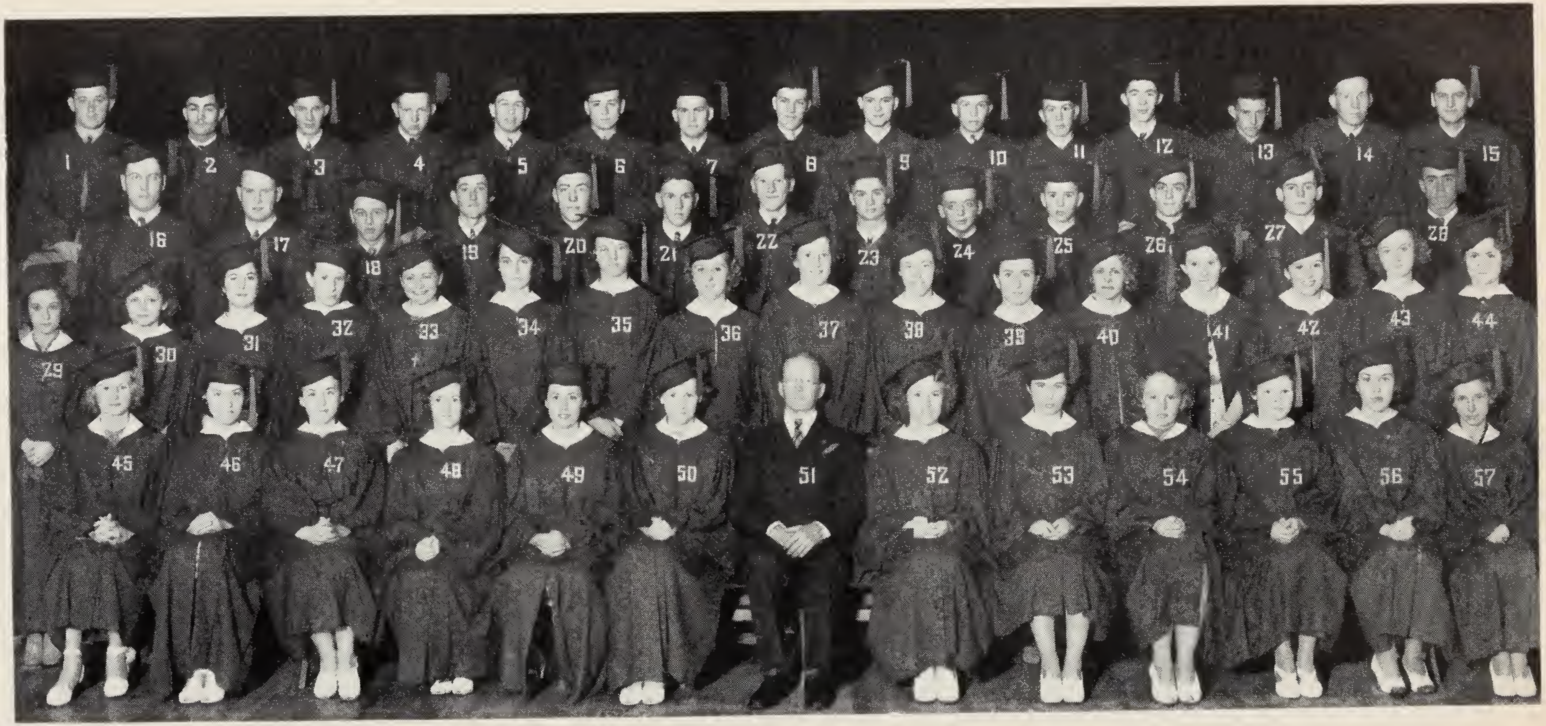
Beth Hower, Lanark, Ill. Frances Shimer Jr. College, McPhail School of Music, National Music Camp. Came to Mount Morris in 1936. Teacher of band and orchestra.

Edna Coulson, LaHarpe, Ill. Western Illinois State Teachers College (B.Ed.), Brown's Business College, Graduate work at University of Iowa. Came to Mount Morris in 1931. Teaches commercial department.

Nellie Bishop, Fort Madison, Iowa. University of Iowa (B.A.) Graduate work, University of Washington. Will receive A.M. in August, 1938. Came to Mount Morris in 1935. Teaches speech, journalism, English.



THE Mount Morris Public School Building as it now appears after the large rear section was added to the original building.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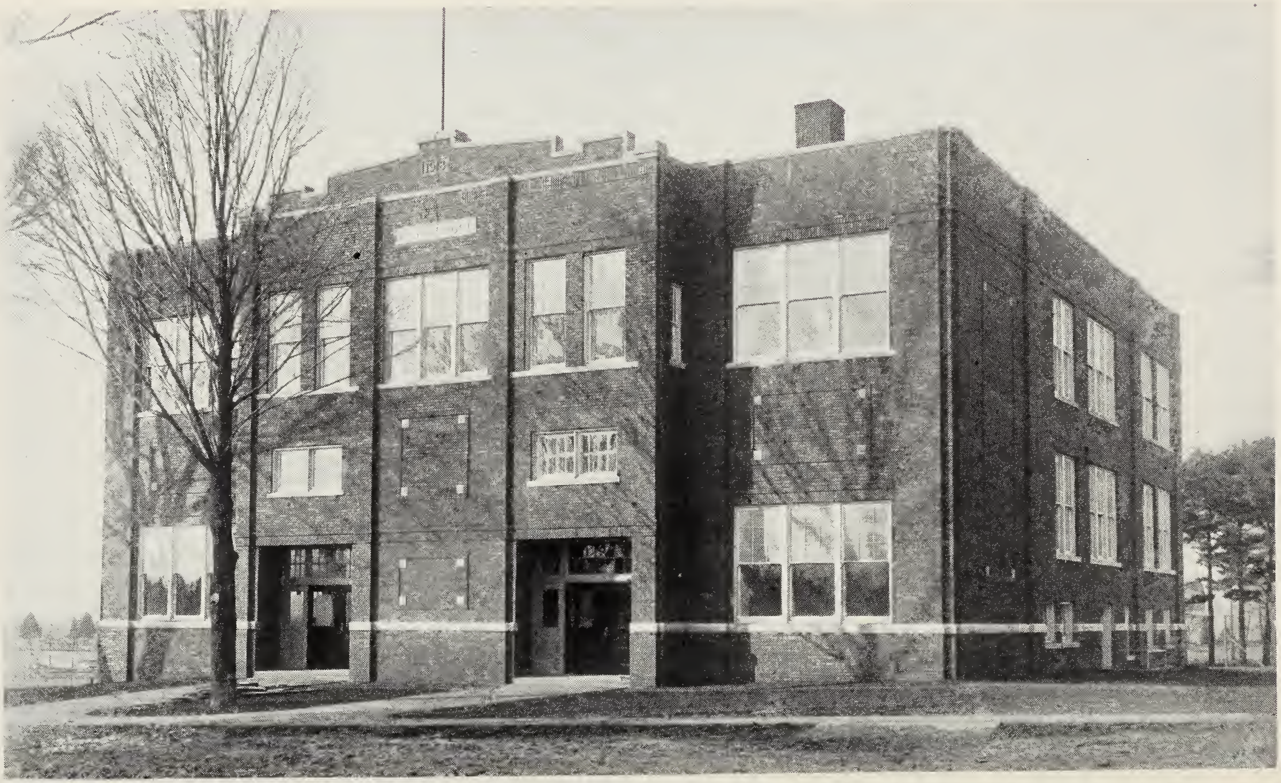
MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1938:

(1) Donald Dusing, (2) Gene Blake, (3) Robert Brewer, (4) Alvin Messer, (5) Eldon Smith, (6) Harlan Herzfeldt, (7) Donald Personette, (8) Delbert Newcomer, (9) Bob Cratty, (10) Earl Muller, (11) Talmage Castle, (12) Carl Kirtz, (13) Willis Castle, (14) Raymond Link, (15) Leland Messer, (16) Paul Johnson, (17) Lee Loomis, (18) George Finch, (19) Merle Snodgrass, (20) Warren Davidson, (21) Francis Baker, (22) James Bruner, (23) Richard Park, (24) Morris Pieper, (25) Wilbur Whetzil, (26) Joe Robbins, (27) Edward Webster, (28) Rodger Haney, (29) Marilyn Ransone, (30) Ruby Pieper, (31) Betty Martin, (32) La Verna Sprecher, (33) Evelyn Graf, (34) Ruth Meeker, (35) June Rowe, (36) Helen Barnhizer, (37) Christine Freedlund, (38) Louise Stiger, (39) Frances Sawyer, (40) Lois Stonebraker, (41) Marian Giles, (42) Jeannette Hammann, (43) Norma Hammer, (44) Arlene Binkley, (45) Velma Paul, (46) Mildred Dierdorff, (47) Ethel Balluff, (48) Charlotte Avey, (49) Marian Hilger, (50) Pauline Stengel, (51) "Prof" Hendrickson, (52) Ferne Thomas, (53) Bonnie Croft, (54) Ruth Taylor, (55) Mildred Estes, (56) Rebecca McNett, (57) Velma Zellers.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY, 1937-1938: Front row, left to right: Paul J. Yoe, Edna Coulson, Ira Hendrickson, Marian Sympson, Mary M. McColl, Wendell Schrader, Nellie Bishop, Leigh U. Patton, Irene F. Sweet, Eldo R. Henricks.



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING was erected in 1918 and was first used in January, 1919. The building is 80 feet square and faces the east. N. E. Buser was the architect and the construction was done by the Hug Construction Company of Highland, Ill. The building was enlarged in 1937 by the addition of a two-story section on the west end of the building.

Chapter 8

VILLAGE NEWSPAPERS

IT IS generally conceded that the printing press is one of the most potent factors in molding the destiny of a newly-settled territory, but it is also a fact, however, that it is among those the least appreciated by the people when called upon to sustain it. The first settlers of Mount Morris Township had no access to daily papers, and even weeklies very rarely found their way into their hands; for mails were irregular and infrequent, the mode of transporting them being by horseback, and very often that means failed. The only papers taken by the people during the early days were possibly a few eastern journals and some religious papers.

The great esteem in which all educational interests were held by the first settlers of Ogle County is evidenced by the fact that when the country was yet almost a wilderness the cornerstone of "Old Sandstone," or Rock River Seminary, was laid, on the fourth day of July, 1839. Consequently it was thought generally in the east that among a people so thoroughly imbued with the importance of educational advantages, a newspaper would find a ready support, but this estimate, as the sequel will show, proved a serious mistake to the projectors of the first newspaper venture in Mount Morris. The principals in this enterprise were Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, of Washington County, Md., the former as publisher and the latter as editor of the proposed paper. These gentlemen purchased the press and materials with which a small paper entitled *The Casket* was printed at Boonsboro, Md., and on the sixteenth day of July, 1841, the former, accompanied by his family and with their household goods, including the said printing outfit, set out in wagons for Mount Morris. When they arrived at Wheeling, W. Va., finding their loads too heavy to be drawn by the teams, the press and printing materials were shipped from there by boat around to Savanna, Illinois.

In a letter dated Peoria, Ill., October 27, 1841, Emanuel Knodle wrote to his brother, Samuel, in the east: "We found it necessary to go to St. Louis for some type, rules, composing sticks, etc. When I left Mount Morris, on the twenty-fifth, we had not yet heard of our press and type, but think that by this time they should have come around to Savanna." A later letter shows that the equipment was received from Peru, instead of Savanna. The water being low in the Mississippi, the boats could not ascend as far as Savanna. December 8, the outfit was moved into a house built west of the Seminary property by Samuel McFarland during the spring previous. This house, of which a halftone appears on page 208, stood until the year 1900, when it was partly torn down, and the remainder moved to the south part of town where it was used as a barn by William Domer. More is said concerning this house in the previous chapter upon the public schools. The shed-like addition on the right hand is the part in which the printing-office was located.

During the remainder of the month of December, Messrs. Emanuel and Jonathan Knodle, and also Peter, Jacob and Joseph Knodle, and Joseph Hooper, were hard at work to "bring order out of chaos," which was the condition in which the material was found after its long and perilous journey by land and water. Composition rollers had to be made and a hundred and one other articles supplied, which in so new a country presented almost insurmountable difficulties, the crowning trouble

THIS OLD HOUSE was an interesting landmark in Mount Morris for the reason that the first newspaper in Mount Morris or Ogle County, the *Rock River Register,* was established here Jan. 1, 1842, by Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, who brought the printing outfit from Boonsboro, Md. This house was built in 1841 by Samuel McFarland and was last occupied by Mrs. Susan Heminger. It was torn down in March, 1900, to make way for Elder D. L. Miller's new residence. About the year 1860, Mrs. Caroline Crofts started a private school in the front room of this old house, and continued until after the Civil War. After the close of the Crofts school, the old house sunk into obscurity. It was used as a residence and saw many changes of ownership.

of all being that the bed of the press was broken when the attempt was made to put it in place. This press was known as a "Ramage" and was nearly the exact style of that used by Benj. Franklin, which now stands in the National Gallery at Washington. In a diary kept by Peter Knodle, son of the publisher, he gave the following details concerning the setting up of this pioneer printing plant:

"Arrived—From St. Louis, Emanuel Knodle, Nov. 18. He brought our press as far as Peru. He purchased type and other materials.

"Received—Our press on November 29.

"Distributing—Commenced distributing type Dec. 16, and also made a table for the forms, a galley, and other sundry articles for the office.

"Trip to Chicago—On Friday, Dec. 17, father and Jacob Knodle started to Chicago to procure a stove for the printing office, printing paper and many other articles.

"Removed—Our press on Wednesday, Dec. 18, to Mr. McFarland's in a room that he rented to us.

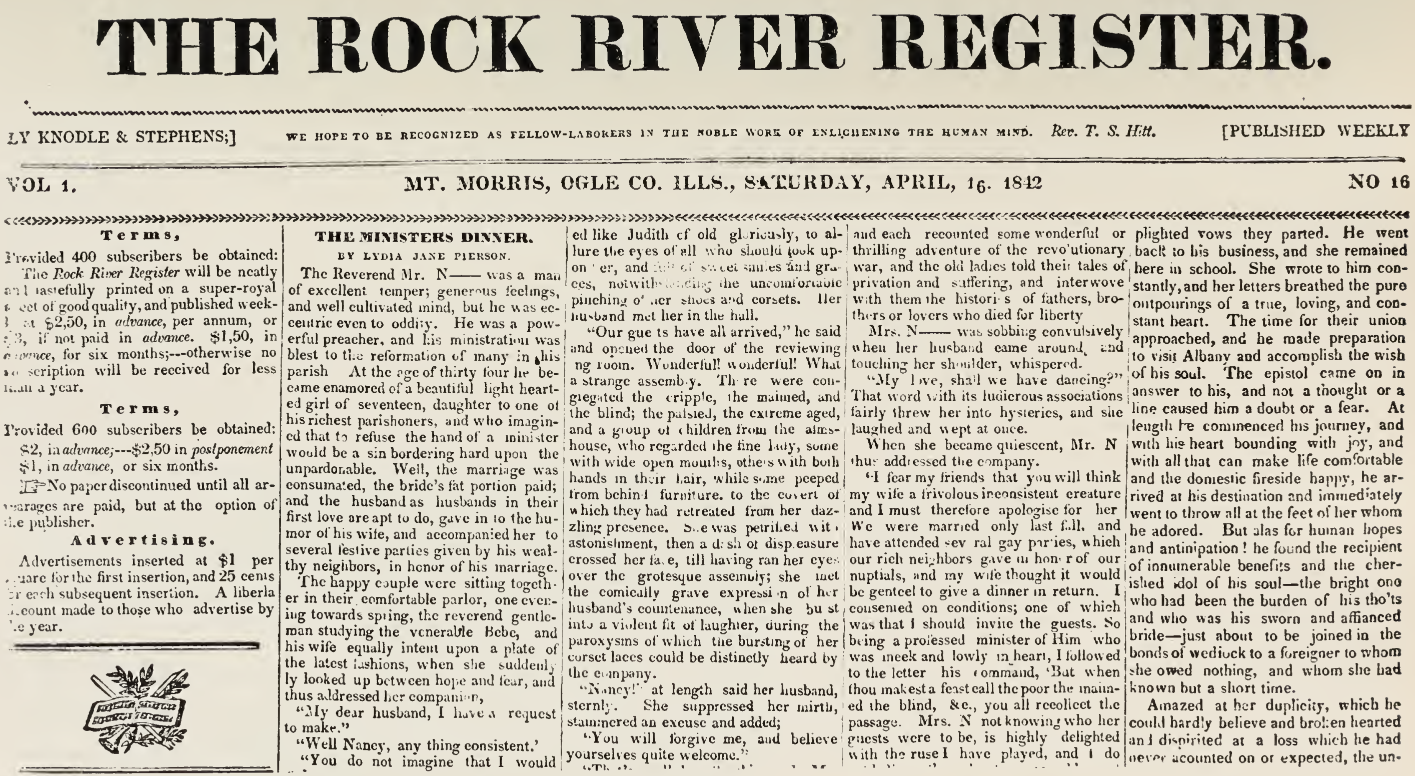
"Composition Roller—I made a composition roller on Saturday evening, Dec. 18. I got through with it about nine o'clock. I had a little difficulty in moulding it the first trial, it being too stiff, and we had to boil it a little more until it got a little thinner.

"Accident—On Monday, Dec. 20, I was leveling the composing stone in the press, and by pressing on it, it cracked clean across the width of the stone.

"Setting Type—Commenced setting type on Monday, Dec. 23.

"Arrived—Father arrived from Chicago, Dec. 26 with printing paper and stove for the office."

All obstacles in the way of this pioneer newspaper enterprise were at last overcome, however, and on the first of January, 1842, the first number of the *Rock River Register* was issued from the old house and distributed to its patrons, thus going on record as the first newspaper published in Ogle County. It was a small five-column sheet, printed one



THE ROCK RIVER REGISTER.

BY KNODLE & STEPHENS;] WE HOPE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS FELLOW-LABORERS IN THE NOBLE WORK OF ENLIGHTENING THE HUMAN MIND. *Rev. T. S. Hitt.* [PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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THE MINISTERS DINNER.

BY LYDIA JANE PIERSON.

The Reverend Mr. N—— was a man of excellent temper; generous feelings, and well cultivated mind, but he was eccentric even to oddity. He was a powerful preacher, and his ministration was blest to the reformation of many in his parish At the age of thirty four he became enamored of a beautiful light hearted girl of seventeen, daughter to one of his richest parishoners, and who imagined that to refuse the hand of a minister would be a sin bordering hard upon the unpardonable. Well, the marriage was consumated, the bride's fat portion paid; and the husband as husbands in their first love are apt to do, gave in to the humor of his wife, and accompanied her to several festive parties given by his wealthy neighbors, in honor of his marriage.

The happy couple were sitting together in their comfortable parlor, one evening towards spring, the reverend gentleman studying the venerable Bebe, and his wife equally intent upon a plate of the latest fashions, when she suddenly looked up between hope and fear, and thus addressed her companion,

"My dear husband, I have a request to make."

"Well Nancy, any thing consistent.'

"You do not imagine that I would

ed like Judith of old gloriously, to allure the eyes of all who should look upon her, and full of sweet smiles and graces, notwithstanding the uncomfortable pinching of her shoes and corsets. Her husband met her in the hall.

"Our guests have all arrived," he said and opened the door of the reviewing room. Wonderful! wonderful! What a strange assemby. There were congregated the cripple, the maimed, and the blind; the palsied, the extreme aged, and a group of children from the almshouse, who regarded the fine lady, some with wide open mouths, others with both hands in their hair, while some peeped from behind furniture. to the covert of which they had retreated from her dazzling presence. She was petrified with astonishment, then a dash of displeasure crossed her face, till having ran her eyes over the grotesque assembly; she met the comically grave expression of her husband's countenance, when she burst into a violent fit of laughter, during the paroxysms of which the bursting of her corset laces could be distinctly heard by the company.

"Nancy!" at length said her husband, sternly. She suppressed her mirth, stammered an excuse and added;

"You will forgive me, and believe yourselves quite welcome."

and each recounted some wonderful or thrilling adventure of the revo'utionary war, and the old ladies told their tales of privation and suffering, and interwove with them the histories of fathers, brothers or lovers who died for liberty

Mrs. N—— was sobbing convulsively when her husband came around, and touching her shoulder, whispered.

"My love, shall we have dancing?" That word with its ludicrous associations fairly threw her into hysterics, and she laughed and wept at once.

When she became quiescent, Mr. N thus addressed the company.

"I fear my friends that you will think my wife a frivolous inconsistent creature and I must therefore apologise for her We were married only last fall. and have attended several gay parties, which our rich neighbors gave in honor of our nuptials, and my wife thought it would be genteel to give a dinner in return. I consented on conditions; one of which was that I should invite the guests. So being a professed minister of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, I followed to the letter his command, 'But when thou makest a feast call the poor the maimed the blind, &c., you all recollect the passage. Mrs. N not knowing who her guests were to be, is highly delighted with the ruse I have played, and I do

plighted vows they parted. He went back to his business, and she remained here in school. She wrote to him constantly, and her letters breathed the pure outpourings of a true, loving, and constant heart. The time for their union approached, and he made preparation to visit Albany and accomplish the wish of his soul. The epistol came on in answer to his, and not a thought or a line caused him a doubt or a fear. At length he commenced his journey, and with his heart bounding with joy, and with all that can make life comfortable and the domestic fireside happy, he arrived at his destination and immediately went to throw all at the feet of her whom he adored. But alas for human hopes and antinipation! he found the recipient of innumerable benefits and the cherished idol of his soul—the bright one who had been the burden of his tho'ts and who was his sworn and affianced bride—just about to be joined in the bonds of wedlock to a foreigner to whom she owed nothing, and whom she had known but a short time.

Amazed at her duplicity, which he could hardly believe and broken hearted and dispirited at a loss which he had never acounted on or expected, the un-

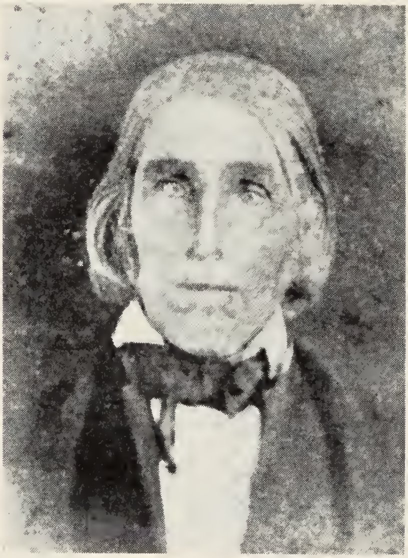
THE ROCK RIVER REGISTER, Mount Morris's first newspaper, as well as the first in Ogle County, was established in January, 1842, but because of limited patronage was compelled to discontinue in September of the same year, and was moved to Grand Detour.

page at a time, on a very inferior quality of paper. Its motto, suggested by Rev. T. S. Hitt, was, "We hope to be recognized as fellow-laborers in the noble work of enlightening the human mind." The terms were "$2.50 in advance; or $3, if not paid in advance." A number of articles from the *Register*, which give an idea of the condition of the country when the paper was being published, are reprinted in a preceding chapter upon the early history of Mount Morris.

Mr. Emanuel Knodle, the first editor of the *Register*, was a very spicy and fluent writer. In the second number issued, he invited the patrons of the paper to furnish occasional "original communications," saying:

"We have among our patrons here, as we have already been informed, in the brief space of our residence in Ogle county, writers who are capable of *Hitt*ing off 'matter and things in general,' in such an interesting manner as to please all manner of readers: that we may expect evidence of some very *Sharp* pens, and that the necessary *Artz* will not fail us in our efforts to treat our readers handsomely. Upon the whole, we *Judge* that we can af-*Ford* our readers complete satisfaction."

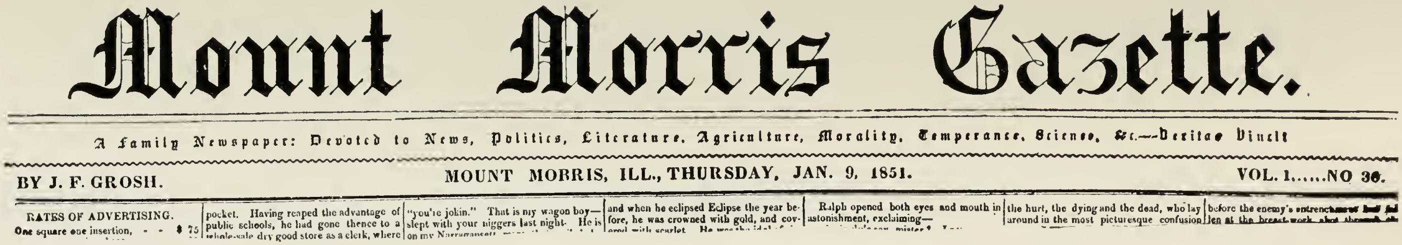
The names in italics were those of prominent early settlers. Vol. 1, No. 4, contained the notice of the marriage of Michael Cheshire to Margaret McAllister, by Rev. L. S. Walker, noted by the editor to have been "the first case of matrimony which ever occurred in Mount Morris." In the same number appear the business cards of H. A. Mix and Henry Roberts, attorneys-at-law at Oregon; James J. Beatty, physician and surgeon, Mount Morris; and an administrator's notice in the matter of the estate of William Driscoll. The paper dated Feb. 26, 1842, mentioned the severe illness of the editor, Emanuel Knodle, and No. 12, issued in April, announced his death. He is said to have been a young man of extraordinary ability and had he lived would have had a brilliant future without doubt. He was the oldest brother of Samuel Knodle, for many years a resident of Mount Morris. The paper which announced Mr. Knodle's death bore the names of Knodle and Stephens, publishers, D. C. Duncan being engaged as editor. In September the paper was removed to Grand Detour, on account of the poor mail service at Mount Morris. It eventually ceased publication after a career of less than two years and was entirely lost sight of.



JONATHAN KNODLE and his brother, Emanuel Knodle, established the first newspaper in Mount Morris in January, 1842. It was also the first paper in Ogle County. Mr. Knodle was a native of Boonsboro, Md., and in July, 1841, with his family and a small printing outfit, started to drive to Mount Morris. After considerable difficulty, the paper got started in the following January but continued less than a year.

MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE

Seven years passed after the failure of the *Register* before any parties found sufficient courage to try another newspaper enterprise, but in February, 1850, J. Frederick Grosh and Tomlinson Ankney purchased the material with which the *Rockford Free Press* had been printed, removed it to Mount Morris, and in March the first number of the *Mount Morris Gazette* was issued, published by J. F. Grosh and edited by Prof. D. J. Pinckney. Concerning this paper Kett's History of Ogle County says: "It was a seven-column folio sheet, tolerably well printed and ably edited. It



Mount Morris Gazette.

A Family Newspaper: Devoted to News, Politics, Literature, Agriculture, Morality, Temperance, Science, &c.—Veritas Vincit

BY J. F. GROSH. MOUNT MORRIS, ILL., THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1851. VOL. 1......NO 36.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.
One square one insertion, - - $ 75

pocket. Having reaped the advantage of public schools, he had gone thence to a whole-sale dry good store as a clerk, where

"you're jokin." That is my wagon boy—slept with your niggers last night. He is on my Narragansett

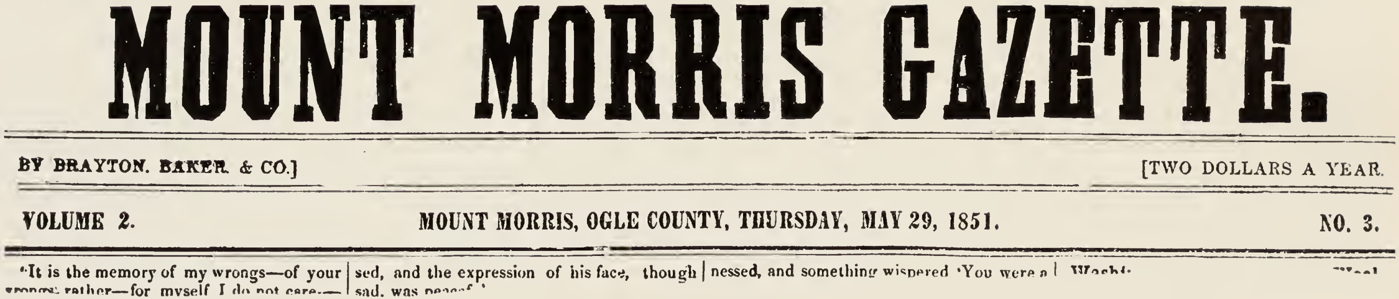
and when he eclipsed Eclipse the year before, he was crowned with gold, and covered with scarlet. He was the idol of

Ralph opened both eyes and mouth in astonishment, exclaiming—

the hurt, the dying and the dead, who lay around in the most picturesque confusion

before the enemy's entrenchment had fallen at the breast-work

THE MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE was established in 1850 and was Mount Morris's second newspaper but it lasted only about a year. J. F. Grosh was the first publisher.



MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE.

BY BRAYTON. BAKER & CO.] [TWO DOLLARS A YEAR.

VOLUME 2. MOUNT MORRIS, OGLE COUNTY, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1851. NO. 3.

"It is the memory of my wrongs—of your wrongs rather—for myself I do not care.—

sed, and the expression of his face, though sad, was peaceful."

nessed, and something wispered 'You were a

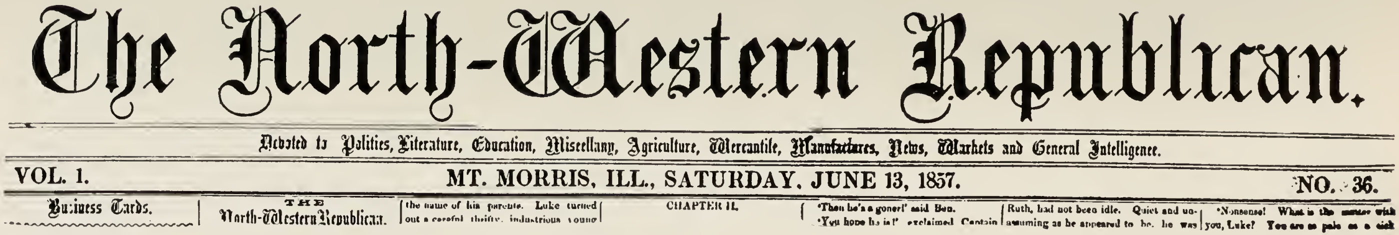
BRAYTON, BAKER & CO. succeeded J. F. Grosh as publisher of the *Mount Morris Gazette* in 1851. The above heading was evidently whittled out by hand.

was professedly neutral in politics, but the editor was very independent in the expression of his opinions, and sometimes the paper inclined somewhat strongly to the party with which he affiliated. The printing of the first number of the *Gazette* was a notable event in the history of both town and county, and occasioned as much excitement as did the completion of the railroad twenty years later. The *Gazette,* however, was not a success financially and the publishers, after a year's experience, discovered that its publication was a losing business, and in the spring of 1851 disposed of the material to R. C. Burchell, of Oregon, who removed it to that place and established the *Ogle County Gazette,* afterward the *Reporter*, which still exists. The sale of the material, however, does not appear to have stopped the *Mount Morris Gazette*. No. 3 of the second volume, dated May 29, 1851, bears the name of Brayton, Baker & Co., publishers, and Prof. Pinckney, editor. It says that there were no press, type or printers in Mount Morris at that time, and although the paper was published there, it was printed elsewhere, probably by Mr. Burchell at Oregon. But this manner of publishing a newspaper did not suit the enterprising citizens of Mount Morris who organized a joint stock company, purchased a new outfit, and No. 3, dated June 26, was beautifully printed in new type, and was one of the handsomest papers ever printed in the county. It was under the editorial charge of Professors D. J. Pinckney and S. M. Fellows, and it is needless to add was conducted with signal ability.

The *Mount Morris Gazette* of July 3, 1851, Vol. 2, No. 5, published by Brayton, Baker & Co., contained the following editorial: "Some of our readers may conclude that as we are situated a little off from the great thoroughfares, our facilities for supplying them with such a paper as they need would be inferior to those possessed by many other places. It is true, our mail arrangements do not equal those of many points, but we are sufficiently well supplied for all the purposes of the paper we publish. We have a daily mail from Chicago, and a tri-weekly from the northwest and from the south, and can place before our readers the state of the market or any other news interesting to them, as early as our neighbors. And, in other respects our facilities are vastly superior to almost any paper in this section of the country. We are situated so that we can at any time procure essays upon a variety of subjects, from competent persons, and we can always present as large an amount of choice, original articles as we choose. When we recollect that it is the original matter which gives a local paper its chief value, this consideration will be acknowledged of no little importance. Our office is fitted up with a new press, new types, new everything, and we have a printer who knows how to use them to the best advantage. And on our part we purpose to use every exertion to make the *Mount Morris Gazette* just such a paper as every parent will wish to introduce into his family."

The paper was not self-sustaining, however, and after a year's experience, the company rented the offices to Messrs. Chas. C. Allen and Smith D. Atkins, then attending school at Rock River Seminary. These gentlemen, by devoting a part of their time to the office and the remainder to their studies, were enabled to prolong its existence until the spring of 1853, when the plant was sold to them and removed to Savanna, Ill.

Many years later when Mr. Allen died in his home in California, Mr. Smith who had become a well-known publisher in Freeport, wrote of his former partner in the *Freeport Journal* as follows: "Chas. Allen is dead. He died in Los Angeles, Calif., at 79 years of age. He learned his trade, a printer, here in Freeport, in the *Prairie Democrat* office, about 1849. He went from here to Mount Morris, Ill., and for several years published the *Mount Morris Gazette,* on contract for the owners. We worked in that printing office for Mr. Allen, two hours in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon, for our board, and there attended Mount Morris Seminary. Attending that school then were Shelby M. Cullom, John L. Beverage, Chas. B. Farwell, Robert R. Hitt, John A. Rawlins, and many others who became dis-



The North-Western Republican.

Devoted to Politics, Literature, Education, Miscellany, Agriculture, Mercantile, Manufactures, News, Markets and General Intelligence.

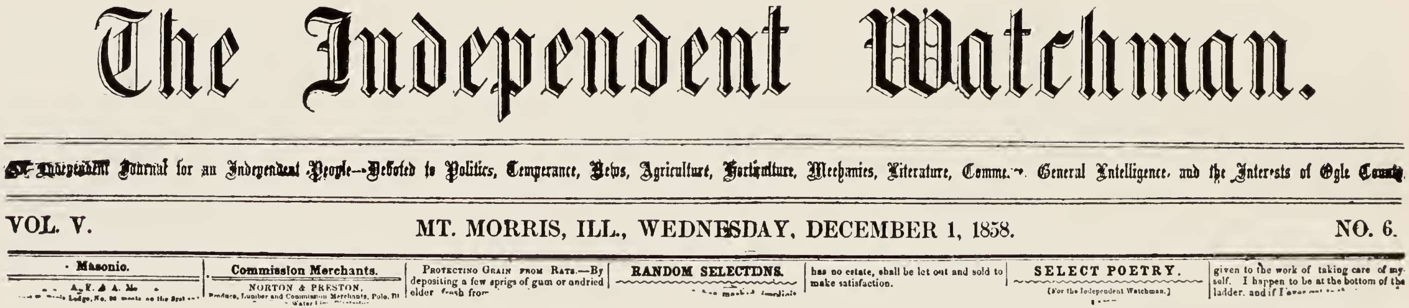
VOL. 1. MT. MORRIS, ILL., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1857. NO. 36.

Business Cards.

THE North-Western Republican.

CHAPTER II.

THE NORTHWESTERN REPUBLICAN was established in 1856 by Atwood and Metcalf and managed by Samuel Knodle. It was sold after a year to Col. M. S. Barnes who changed the name to the *Independent Watchman*.



The Independent Watchman.

Independent Journal for an Independent People—Devoted to Politics, Temperance, News, Agriculture, Horticulture, Mechanics, Literature, Commerce, General Intelligence, and the Interests of Ogle County.

VOL. V. MT. MORRIS, ILL., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1858. NO. 6.

Masonic.

Commission Merchants.

NORTON & PRESTON,

PROTECTING GRAIN FROM RATS.—By depositing a few sprigs of gum or andried elder fresh from

RANDOM SELECTIONS.

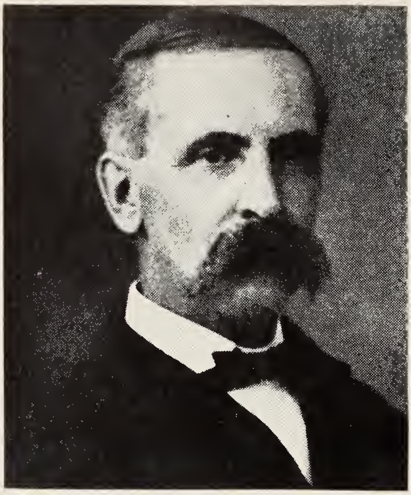
has no estate, shall be let out and sold to make satisfaction.

SELECT POETRY.

(For the Independent Watchman.)

given to the work of taking care of myself. I happen to be at the bottom of the ladder, and if I

COL. M. S. BARNES published the *Independent Watchman* for a year beginning in 1857 and then sold it to J. D. Dopf who continued until 1861 when he moved it to Polo.



JOHN J. SHARER, son of Henry and Cornelia Motter Sharer, was born Nov. 28, 1847, at the Sharer homestead, one mile east of Mount Morris, now owned by Jacob Bonar. He died Aug. 2, 1922, aged 75 years. He went to school in Mount Morris and at the age of 12 years, in 1859, he started to learn the printing trade in the office of the *Independent Watchman,* owned by Myron S. Barnes. In 1860, the paper was moved to Polo, where he followed and worked for a short time. From 1861 to 1863, he worked on the *Ogle County Guard* at Oregon, published by Samuel Wilson. From 1864 to 1870, Mr. Sharer was a resident of Chicago, working as mail clerk. In 1877, he purchased the defunct *Independent* of Mount Morris, and changed the name to *Ogle County Democrat,* which he edited until 1886. He was in Missouri and Oklahoma until 1902, when he returned to Mount Morris, and for the next 17 years was local editor of the *Mount Morris Index,* retiring in 1920. In 1882, Mr. Sharer married Susie L. Burker, and they had three children, Mrs. Marietta C. McGarigle, Mrs. Sarah L. Johns and Henry Sharer.

tinguished in public life. In the printing office there were Horace Hounson, who published a paper in Minnesota, the last time we heard from him; George W. Crofts, who became a distinguished divine and author; Daniel A. Sheets, who was killed; and Col. R. J. Oglesby, a lieutenant in the 8th Illinois Infantry, whose dead body we saw on the battlefield at the battle of Ft. Donelson. Chas. Allen, about 1853, bought the *Mount Morris Gazette* and moved it to Savanna, in Carroll County. We bought from Mr. Allen a half interest, and for one year we published with Mr. Allen, the *Savanna Register,* selling out to Mr. Allen . . ."

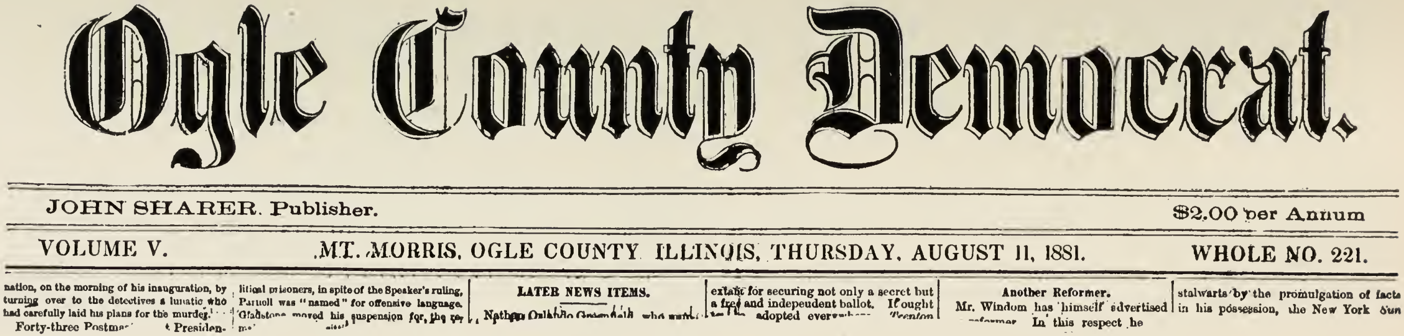
NORTHWESTERN REPUBLICAN

Three years later, in 1856, Messrs. Atwood and Metcalf started a paper called the *Northwestern Republican.* Samuel Knodle managed its publication for over a year when it was sold to Col. M. S. Barnes, who had been running a daily in Chicago. He changed the name of the paper to *Independent Watchman.* After a year under his management it was purchased by a company of town merchants and put under the editorial management of Prof. W. S. Pope, Dr. F. A. McNeill and J. D. Dopf, with Mr. Dopf publisher. Its publication continued until the winter of 1860-'61, when Mr. Dopf removed the material to Polo where it developed into the *Ogle County Press,* still being published.

After this Mount Morris was without a newspaper for fifteen years, the utter failure of all the early enterprises having evidently frightened every one from again making the attempt. Ten years later, however, a job printing-office was established by Samuel Knodle with a small handpress and an assortment of job type. Mr. Knodle's job office became famous all over the county and the amount of printing which he did was remarkable.

MOUNT MORRIS INDEPENDENT

In 1876, Mr. Knodle was instrumental in forming an incorporated stock company, he himself owning half the stock, and the *Mount Morris Independent* was started, with Prof. D. J. Pinckney, as editor. Mismanagement by the board of directors again made this enterprise a failure, and it was sold in May, 1877, to John Sharer and changed to the *Ogle County Democrat,* with Mr. Sharer as editor and Dr. B. G. Stephens, associate editor. It was successfully conducted under this caption for nearly nine years, when it was moved to Oregon and changed to the *Independent-Democrat,* which in the fall of 1900 was incorporated with the *Ogle County Constitution* of that place.



Ogle County Democrat.

JOHN SHARER. Publisher. $2.00 per Annum

VOLUME V. MT. MORRIS, OGLE COUNTY ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1881. WHOLE NO. 221.

nation, on the morning of his inauguration, by turning over to the detectives a lunatic who had carefully laid his plans for the murder.

Forty-three Postma- Presiden-

litical prisoners, in spite of the Speaker's ruling, Parnell was "named" for offensive language. Gladstone moved his suspension for the re-

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

Nathan [illegible]

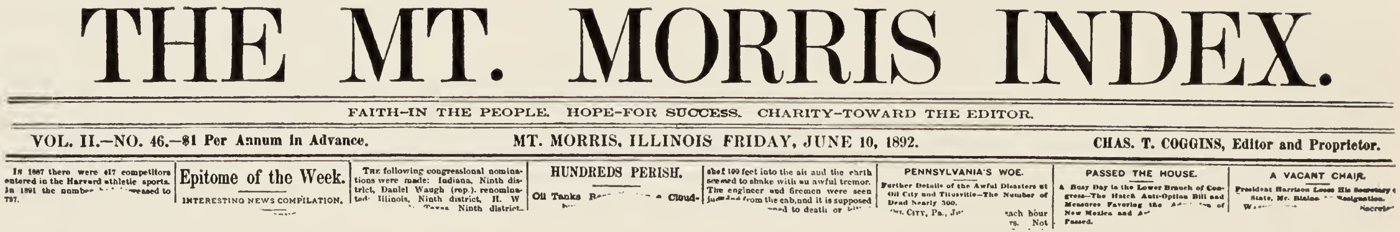
extant for securing not only a secret but a free and independent ballot. It ought adopted ever- Trenton

Another Reformer.

Mr. Windom has himself advertised reformer. In this respect he

stalwarts by the promulgation of facts in his possession, the New York Sun

JOHN SHARER established the *Ogle County Democrat* in 1877 and continued it for nearly nine years. It was the first newspaper in Mount Morris to contain much local news.



THE MT. MORRIS INDEX.

FAITH–IN THE PEOPLE. HOPE–FOR SUCCESS. CHARITY–TOWARD THE EDITOR.

VOL. II.–NO. 46.–$1 Per Annum in Advance. MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1892. CHAS. T. COGGINS, Editor and Proprietor.

In 1887 there were 417 competitors entered in the Harvard athletic sports. In 1891 the number increased to 737.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

The following congressional nominations were made: Indiana, Ninth district, Daniel Waugh (rep.), renominated. Illinois, Ninth district, H. W Texas, Ninth district

HUNDREDS PERISH.

Oil Tanks Cloud-

shot 100 feet into the air and the earth seemed to shake with an awful tremor. The engineer and firemen were seen jumped from the cab, and it is supposed to death or

PENNSYLVANIA'S WOE.

Further Details of the Awful Disasters at Oil City and Titusville—The Number of Dead Nearly 300.

Oil City, Pa., Ju each hour rs. Not

PASSED THE HOUSE.

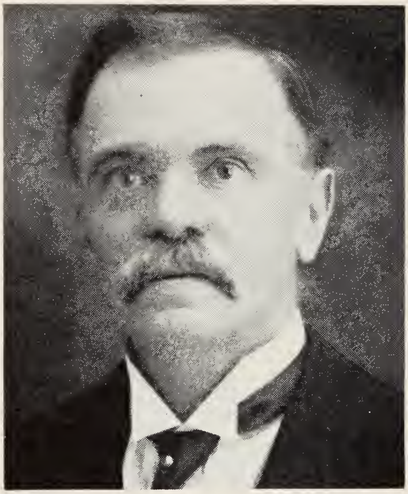
A Busy Day in the Lower Branch of Congress—The Hatch Anti-Option Bill and Measures Favoring the Admission of New Mexico and Ar Passed.

A VACANT CHAIR.

President Harrison Loses His Secretary of State, Mr. Blaine Resignation.

Secretary

CHAS. T. COGGINS established the *Mount Morris Index* in July, 1890, and continued for seven years when he left town, and his wife continued the paper for several months in partnership with H. C. Walrath.



CHAS. T. COGGINS established the *Mount Morris Index* in July, 1890, and continued as editor and publisher until 1897 when he mysteriously disappeared and was not heard from for a long time. He was the son of Thomas J. and Sarah J. Coggins and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 14, 1849. He died in St. Louis in November, 1927, at the age of 78 years. He learned the printer's trade at Rockport, Mo., and is said to have worked in nearly every state in the union. He married Carrie Clifford and she continued to publish the *Index* for awhile after her husband left town. Geo. Stephens worked for Coggins for three years after the *Index* was established, followed by Fred Crosby, who worked about three years, and Hugh Stephens, a brother of George, followed Crosby.

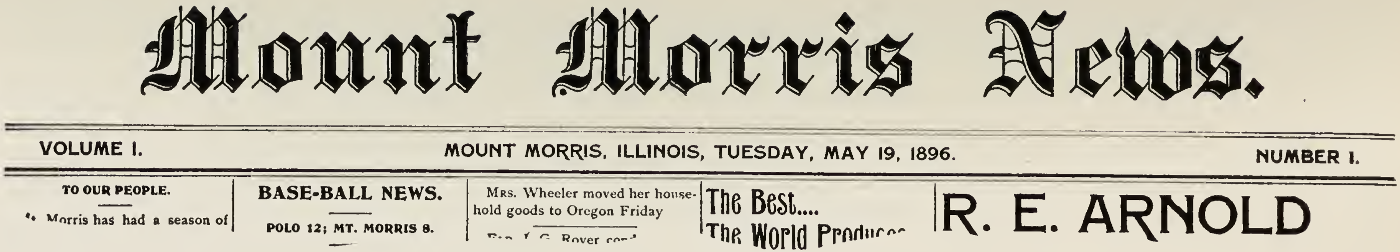
MOUNT MORRIS INDEX

However, the presses, type and entire printing outfit were brought back to Mount Morris by Mr. Sharer, and in July, 1890, were sold to Charles T. Coggins, who established the *Mount Morris Index*. For six or seven years Mr. Coggins conducted the paper with considerable success but finally began to neglect the business, and in 1897 unceremoniously left town. His wife, Mrs. Carrie H. Coggins, edited the paper for a time and later took Harry C. Walrath as a partner.

In September, 1898, the *Index* was sold by Mrs. Coggins to Harvey J. and Harry G. Kable, and the first issue printed by the new publishers was dated Sept. 7, 1898. The first paragraph of the "Salutatory" reads as follows: "We this week come before the public for the first time and meekly make our bow. To many, especially those of our immediate vicinity, it is unnecessary to state that the *Mount Morris Index* has passed into new hands. To those who have not been advised to that effect we would say that we have taken charge of the paper and that we intend to devote our time, energy and talent (if any) to the same. We shall endeavor to make the paper what it should be,—a newspaper in fact as well as in name."

The Kable brothers had finished the local public school in 1896, and while H. J. attended Mount Morris College, H. G. was learning to set type in the office of the *Mount Morris News*. After one year, he secured a job across the street with the Brethren Publishing House and in September, 1898, with very little experience and no capital, the Kable twins started on a career which developed into Mount Morris's chief industry. This is covered in the next

CHAS. H. CANODE, who was born and raised in Mount Morris, established the *Mount Morris News* in May, 1896, with his sister, M. Eliza Canode, as associate editor. He was the son of Arnold E. and Amelia (Worley) Canode and was one of a family of nine children. He married Miss Eva Lutz and they reside in Oak Park. Mr. Canode is the head of the Bronson-Canode Printing Co. in Chicago.



Mount Morris News.

VOLUME I. MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1896. NUMBER I.

TO OUR PEOPLE.

" Morris has had a season of

BASE-BALL NEWS.

POLO 12; MT. MORRIS 8.

Mrs. Wheeler moved her household goods to Oregon Friday

The Best....

The World Produc

R. E. ARNOLD

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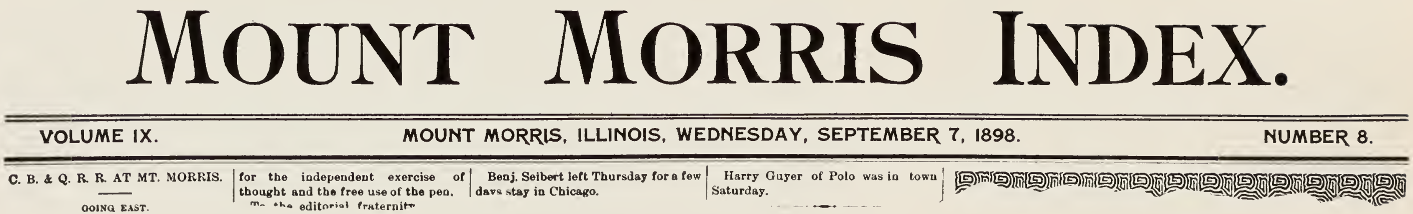


MOUNT MORRIS INDEX.

VOLUME IX. MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1898. NUMBER 8.

C. B. & Q. R. R. AT MT. MORRIS.

GOING EAST.

for the independent exercise of thought and the free use of the pen.

the editorial fraternity

Benj. Seibert left Thursday for a few days stay in Chicago.

Harry Guyer of Polo was in town Saturday.

THE ABOVE issue of the *Mount Morris Index*, dated Sept. 7, 1898, was the first one printed by Kable Brothers, and marked the beginning of the large printing establishment which is now the principal industry in Mount Morris.

chapter on "The Printing Industry."

The plant was purchased for $800, of which $500 was borrowed from a local citizen and a note for $300 given for the balance.

The *Index* office was located over the Sharer grocery, now the sales room of the Illinois Northern Utilities Company. The equipment was antiquated, but in September, 1899, it was moved to the building on the northeastern corner of the college campus just vacated by the Brethren Publishing House, which had moved to Elgin. New equipment was added and the little plant started to grow. Kable Brothers continued to publish the *Index* until 1930, a period of 32 years, when it was sold to Worthington Thomas, who has been the publisher since that time. During the long period that Kable Brothers published the *Index*, there were besides the Kables a number of editors, the most talented of which was Robert Toole, who was a very versatile and humorous writer. Other writers for various periods of time were Walter Basye, W. I. Prugh, A. S. Barre, A. H. Rittenhouse and Worthington Thomas.

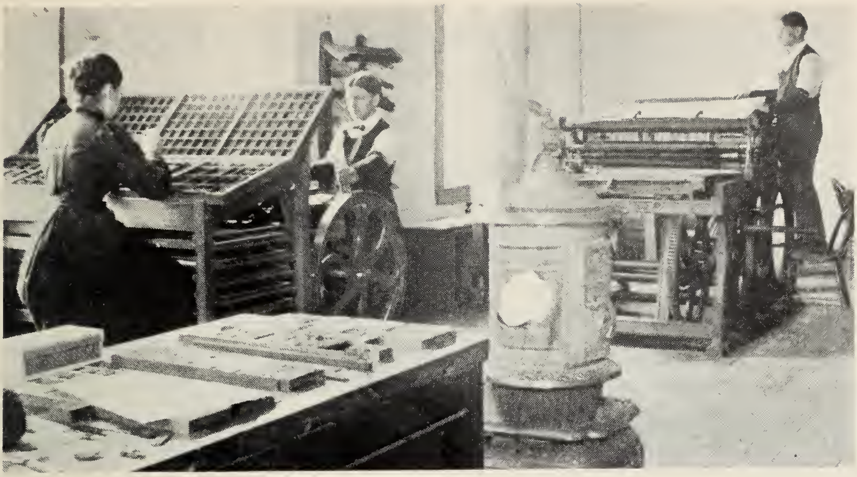
MOUNT MORRIS NEWS

May 20, 1896, Mount Morris acquired a second newspaper—the *Mount Morris News*, edited and published by Charles H. Canode, with M. Eliza Canode as associate editor. The *News* was continued under this management for four and one-half years. In October, 1900, Mr. Canode sold out to A. H. Rittenhouse, who after a few months consolidated with the *Index*, in February, 1901. The plant was situated upstairs over the grocery store of the Newcomer Company, now the Cratty clothing store.

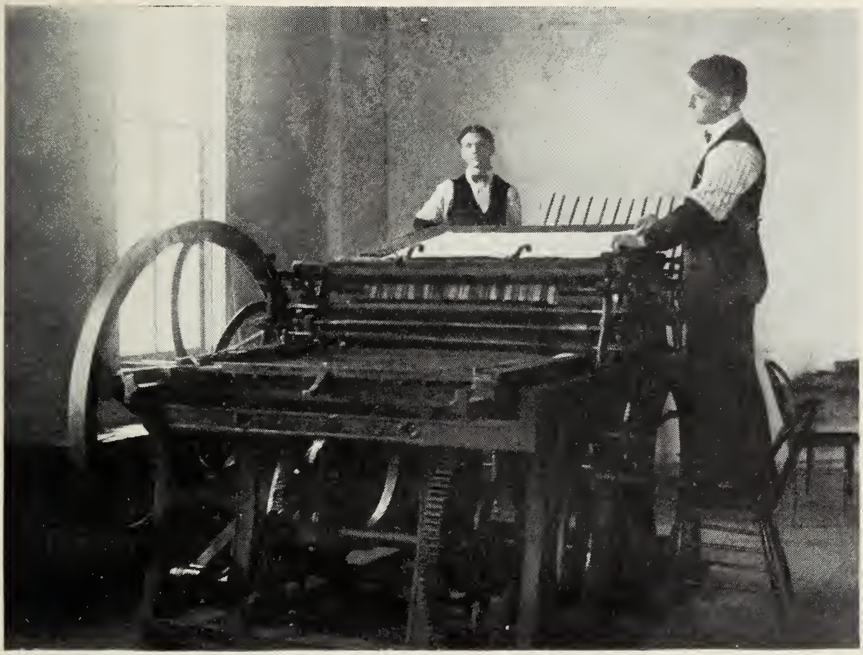
THE CONSTITUTION-DEMOCRAT

In October, 1902, Kable Brothers & Rittenhouse, publishers of the *Mount Morris Index*, acquired the *Constitution-Democrat*, a Democratic paper previously published at Oregon. It was brought to Mount Morris and Robert R. McClure installed as editor. The first issue printed in Mount Morris was dated Oct. 2, 1902, Vol. 37, No. 14. The only difference between the *Constitution-Democrat* and the *Index* was that the first page of the former was devoted to Democratic editorials. The first issue contained the following information in regard to the origin of the *Constitution-Democrat*: "Mount Morris people remember that the *Democrat* was originally started in Mount Morris by Mr. John Sharer, under the caption of the *Ogle County Democrat*, of which Mr. Sharer was editor and Dr. B. G. Stevens, associate editor. It was formed from the ruin of the *Mount Morris Independ-*

WORTHINGTON H. THOMAS, editor and publisher of the *Mount Morris Index*, is the son of Noble F. and Susan (Young) Thomas and was born on the Thomas farm near Mount Morris, Aug. 16, 1898. He was born during the same month that H. J. and H. G. Kable purchased the *Mount Morris Index*, which he became editor of 25 years later. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1917, attended the University of Illinois in 1918 and Mount Morris College in 1919 and 1920. He became assistant editor of the *Index* for Kable Brothers Company in 1922 and in 1930 purchased the property, since which time he has been the editor and publisher. While at the University of Illinois, he received three months training in Co. B, S.A.T.C. He is a member of the American Legion, Moose, Business Men's League and Kiwanis. In 1928, he married Miss Lorraine Brown, former teacher of piano in Mount Morris College, and they have two children, Alan Keith and Nancy Adeline.



THIS PICTURE shows the equipment and working force of the *Index* plant in 1898. Allie Kable sits at the case at the left, Harry Kable at the job press and Harvey Kable at the old cylinder press.

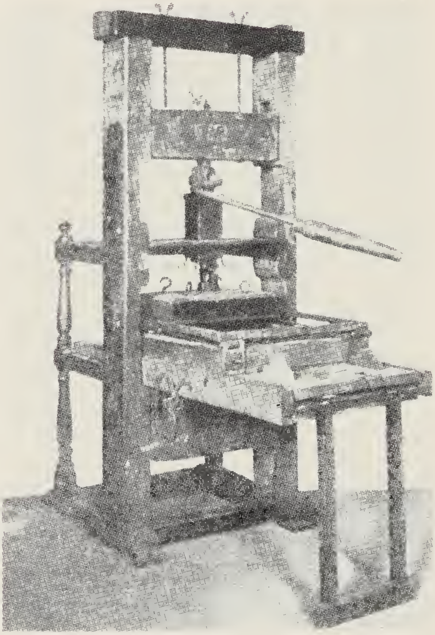


THIS old press was brought to Mount Morris at the time of the establishment of the *Mount Morris Independent* in 1876. It was known as a "Guernsey," and was manufactured by L. T. Guernsey of Rutland, Vt., and it was probably built about the year 1852. It was operated by a crank which can be seen on the right side of the press. Note the large flywheel on the left side of the press. This press was used by John Sharer for nine years for printing the *Ogle County Democrat*, and then for eight years by Chas. T. Coggins to print the *Mount Morris Index*. Kable Brothers used the press for a year while located over the Sharer grocery. It was sold to a publisher at Chadwick. In the above picture, Harry Kable stands on the chair at the right of the press and Harvey Kable at the rear.

ent. Mr. Sharer launched it forth in May, 1877, and continued to publish it in Mount Morris for twelve years, when it was moved to Oregon and changed to the *Independent-Democrat.* Mr. Sharer dropped out after a year and his partner, Mr. Wagner, continued running it. Later it was published in conjunction with the *Ogle County Republican.* In the fall of 1900, it was consolidated with the *Ogle County Constitution,* by Calvert and Locke, two young men from Rockford. Mr. Locke became discouraged after the defeat of the Democratic Party in the subsequent presidential election, and Mr. Calvert continued the paper to the present." On Jan. 1, 1903, the name was changed back to the *Ogle County Democrat,* and after about a year was consolidated with the *Mount Morris Index.*

MOUNT MORRIS MONITOR

The latest newspaper enterprise was started in a small way by G. C. Boswell in September, 1934, in connection with a small printing establishment. *The Monitor* was taken over in June, 1935, by F. G. Meeker who conducted it until July, 1936, when he sold out to John W. Tilton of Rochelle, who continued to publish the paper but changed the name to the *Mount Morris Leader.* It was printed in Rochelle and after being edited by several different employes was finally consolidated with the *Mount Morris Index,* which is now the only newspaper in Mount Morris.



Chapter 9

THE PRINTING INDUSTRY

(This chapter written by Milo D. Zimmerman)

MOUNT MORRIS has become known all over the United States as a printing community. The establishment of the little plant in 1842 for the printing of the *Rock River Register* was the beginning of the industry and during the next forty years there were a number of small plants established to print the various newspapers as described in the preceding chapter.

BRETHREN PUBLISHING HOUSE

IN the year 1880, M. M. Eshelman moved a private printing outfit to Mount Morris from Lanark, where he had been publishing a Dunkard paper known as the *Brethren at Work.* He continued the same here with a circulation of about four thousand, occupying, at that time, quarters in the Seibert block. In 1881, Mr. Eshelman failed and the business was purchased by Elders D. L. Miller and Joseph Amick. In 1884 these gentlemen consolidated with their plant that of the *Primitive Christian,* of Huntingdon, Pa., and changed the name to the *Gospel Messenger.* From that time until 1896 the company began the publication of a large number of church papers, books and tracts, and built up a very profitable business. In 1893 the entire publishing business was turned over to the Brethren Church. In September, 1899, the printing plant and publishing business was moved from Mount Morris to a new brick building at Elgin, Ill., taking along about fifty people, including the families of Joseph Amick, Eld. J. H. Moore, Grant Mahan, L. A. Plate, S. M. Eshelman, Chas. Eshelman, James Moore, Galen B. Royer and Daniel Beard. This move was made in order to secure better mailing and shipping facilities.

At about this time, however, began the development of another printing industry in Mount Morris, which has proven conclusively that this move on

JOSEPH AMICK died at Elgin, Ill., Jan. 4, 1915, aged 80 years. For many years Mr. Amick was business manager of the Brethren Publishing House in Mount Morris. He was born in Mifflin County, Pa., Oct. 28, 1834, and after a number of years spent in teaching and farming, he came to Mount Morris in 1881 and bought a half interest in the "Brethren at Work." He was associated with Elder D. L. Miller in developing the publishing business, which was eventually turned over to the Brethren Church. When the business was moved to Elgin in 1899, Mr. Amick went along and continued as business manager until ill health forced him to retire. He was married twice, first to Susan Mertz, to whom seven children were born, five of whom died in early life. The mother died in 1870. In 1871, he married Hannah Reiff, and to this union were born three daughters: Almira, Irenea and Cora.

the part of the Brethren was not necessary and perhaps they might have been better off had they remained in Mount Morris.

THE KABLE PLANT

THE beginning, development and present position of Kable Brothers Company is typical of the rise of American business. In the minds of the twin eighteen-year-old brothers, who took over the abandoned country print shop of Chas. T. Coggins in the summer of 1898, there could hardly have been the faintest premonition of what that step was to result in forty years later. Before the turn of the century Mount Morris was a typical mid-western country town. Today it is a city in miniature. While almost every town in Ogle County records a static, if not a falling, population in this period, Mount Morris has more than doubled the number of its inhabitants. This growth and the present prosperous condition of our citizens has come entirely from the development of the printing plant. Mount Morris College contributed for awhile, but there has been a steady population increase even since its doors closed in 1932.

THE KABLE TWINS as they appeared several years after the family moved to Mount Morris from Lanark in 1882.

In the fall of 1896, Harry Kable, sixteen and just out of school, got a job with Charles H. Canode, publisher of the *Mount Morris News,* as printer's devil. The Sept. 16, 1896, issue of that paper records the event with these few words: "Harry Kable is 'holding a case' in the *News* office." The Brethren Publishing House, now located at Elgin, was also operating in Mount Morris, and Harry went to work for them the following year. (At this point it is interesting to note that the Brethren concern, feeling that Mount Morris was not large enough to support their growing official printery, decided to move to Elgin. Today it is doing only one-seventh as much business as Kable Brothers Company, and employs only about a hundred people.) When the aforementioned Coggins disappeared from the scene, Harry persuaded his brother Harvey, who had just completed two years in Mount Morris College, to join with him in taking over the shop. A deal was made with the wife of the missing publisher and the boys started off on their career. Coggins published the *Mount Morris Index,* the other local weekly, and did the usual class of printing that was to be found in such a shop in those days. The young brothers decided to operate as a partnership. An older sister, Allie, went to work for them, and soon learned to set type. Another early associate was A. H. Rittenhouse, who became a partner several years later, when the *Mount Morris News,* which he had purchased from Chas. H. Canode, was consolidated with the *Index.*

The Coggins print shop was located on the second floor of what is now the local office of the Illinois Northern Utilities Company. In 1899, when the Brethren Publishing House moved away and left their building on the northeast corner of the campus standing vacant, the twin brothers decided it was time, in view of their expanding business, to seek more commodious

THIS frame building was the home of the *Index* from 1900 to 1906 and was located just west of the present Wishard Building. This is a part of the Brethren Publishing House building which was moved to this location from the corner of the college campus.

quarters. They bought the abandoned Brethren building and later moved part of it across the street to the site now occupied by the Granada Theatre. The remainder of the Brethren building was torn down.

The most ambitious venture undertaken at that time was the publication of the first volume of *"Mount Morris: Past and Present."* Most of this was written by the more scholarly inclined of the twins, Harvey, who shouldered the laborious task of interviewing old-timers and leading citizens for material. The type was set by hand, and the book printed two pages at a time. There are no records to show whether the venture was a financial success, but it kept them busy for many months. The work was completed in 1900.

The September 28, 1904, issue of the *Index* contains an account of the first serious step to build up a printing industry in Mount Morris, as follows:

"On the evening of August 12, a meeting of representative men of Mount Morris was held in the Citizens Bank, at which the publishers of this paper attempted to show to those assembled that the most rapidly growing enterprise in the town and the one capable of the greatest amount of future expansion is the printing business of which the home paper, the *Index,* is the nucleus. Figures of the past six years' business were given, showing an increase of more than 50 per cent for each year. Printing contracts providing additional business for the coming year 100 per cent greater than the last year were shown and served to convince those present that the enterprise is a good thing to take hold of. It was decided to incorporate the business with $15,000 capital stock. Kable Bros. & Rittenhouse agreed to turn over the building, lot and entire business to the stock company for eight-fifteenths of the stock, which was agreed upon. It was further planned to sell the remaining stock to cover some outstanding indebtedness on new machinery and provide some working capital. All of those present at the meeting subscribed for stock and a meeting of stockholders was called to be held at the *Index* office Aug. 21, for the purpose of electing directors. The following were selected: H. E. Newcomer, J. L. Rice, J. H. Rice, A. W. Brayton, A. H. Rittenhouse, H. J. Kable and H. G. Kable. The charter from the Secretary of State was received early in September. The meeting of the directors for the purpose of organizing was held in the Citizens Bank last Friday evening. The following officers were elected: Joseph L. Rice, president; H. E. Newcomer, vice-president; Harvey J. Kable, secretary and treasurer. A complete set of bylaws was adopted at the same time and the future of the business was discussed. All were well pleased with the prospects for the success of the company. The business will be turned over to the new company October 1. The corporate name is Kable Bros. & Rittenhouse Co."

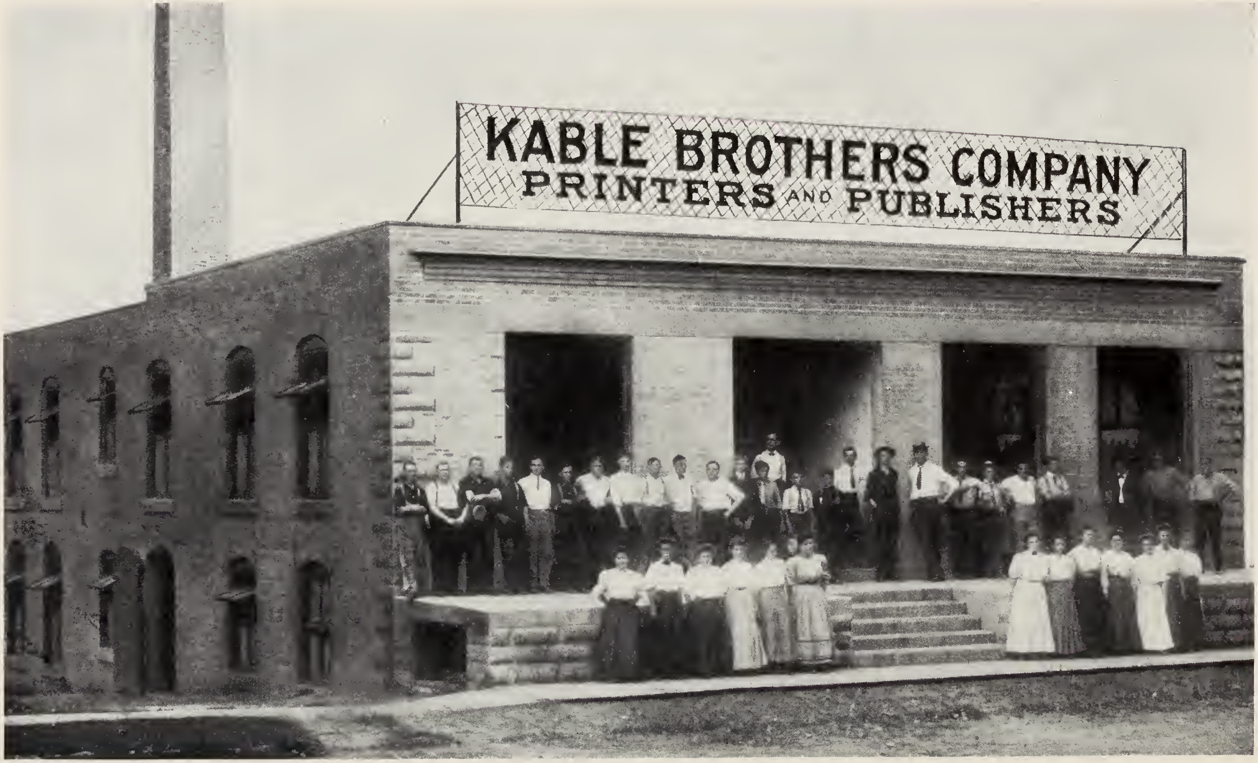
Up until this time A. H. Rittenhouse had been only a part-time employee. He was an older and more experienced printer, and he now assumed the major part of the mechanical supervision of the plant until he severed his active connection with the Company in 1906. In that year he followed the Brethren concern to Elgin, and was employed there until 1917. He then returned to Mount Morris to assume various executive positions with the Company, including plant superintendent, until 1932, when he resigned on account of ill health. He died February 4, 1935.

In the summer of 1904, a bid was submitted for printing *The Mystic Worker,* official monthly publication of the Mystic Workers of the World, Fulton, Ill. When the contract was awarded to the young printers, they realized for the first time that they had bitten off almost more than they could chew. Meeting the situation with typical resourcefulness, they borrowed money to buy a bigger gasoline engine and a new press, and when the issues came around each month, worked without regard for the clock or the weather until the 40,000 eight-page papers were in the mails. This printing contract proved to be the acorn from which the mighty oak has grown, because it opened up a field of printing that no one, up until then, had exploited.

The following year a contract was made with The Columbian Knights, Chicago, for printing their official paper, and each year thereafter saw the acquisition of more business of this character. Special services of various kinds were developed to attract fraternal society editors, and within a period of ten years Kable Brothers Company was known the length and breadth of the land as specialists in the printing of fraternal society publications. Other printing was done, including catalogs, occasionally a book, circulars, leaflets, pamphlets and booklets, but the backbone of the business up until about 1925

ABRAM H. RITTENHOUSE, son of Joseph and Anna Haldeman Rittenhouse, was born Feb. 13, 1879, at Myerstown, Pa., and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 4, 1935, aged 56 years. At an early age, his family moved to Norristown, Pa., where he was educated. He learned the printing trade at Norristown and Philadelphia. In 1898, he came to Mount Morris to enter the employ of the Brethren Publishing House, where he stayed until the Brethren plant was moved to Elgin. He then became associated with Kable Brothers and during that period did most of the mechanical work on the first edition of "Mount Morris: Past and Present." Later he followed the Brethren Publishing House to Elgin, where he remained for a number of years, finally returning to Mount Morris in 1917, and took a position with Kable Brothers Company, eventually becoming superintendent of the plant. Ill health forced him to retire in 1931. During a considerable period, he was editor of the *Mount Morris Index.* He served a term as president of the Village Board of Trustees and also on the school board. In 1900, he was married to Etta M. Shirk, and two sons were born to them: Nelson H. and Leland S.

THE printing plant working force in August, 1905. From left to right, Conrad A. Sitz, Sidney J. Hess, Frank Shiley, Jesse Allen, Clyde Davis, Bessie Fisher, Allie Kable, Grace Palmer, Silas S. Goughnour, Anna Trostle, C. G. Gloss, Burton C. Wheeler, John Sharer, Earl Allen (in front), in doorway, H. J. and H. G. Kable.


KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY
PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS

THIS building was erected in 1906 but was used only three years until the new plant was built at the north end of town. The working force of approximately 50 are shown in front of the building. It is now being used as a central heating plant for the Kable Inn and all the buildings on the campus.

THOMPSON THE TAIL
OUR DAILY MAIL
MT. MORRIS ILL.

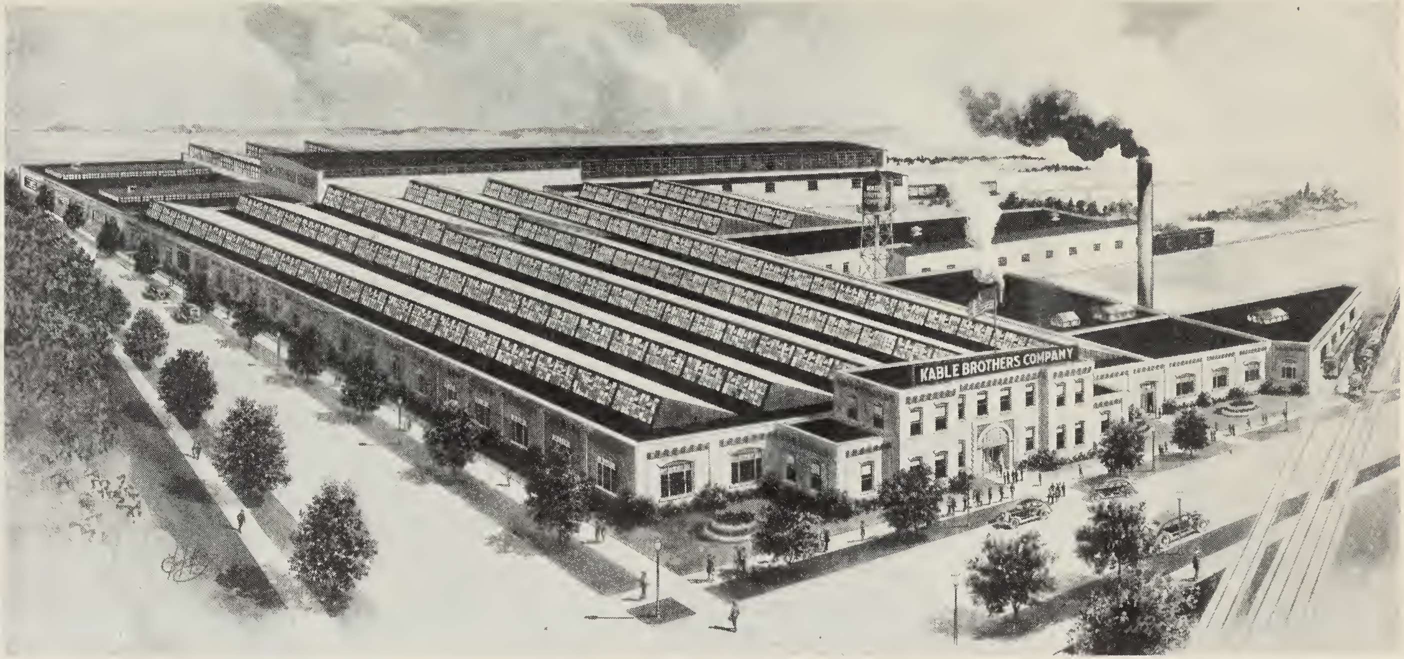
ONE OF the reasons for locating the Kable plant at the depot was the rapidly increasing volume of mail which had to be hauled to the train as shown above. Now the mail is trucked direct into mail cars which are switched into the building. Lew Lizer is the driver of the dray shown above.

was fraternal society publication printing. Only twice during that time was an excursion made into other fields. In 1909, the Company acquired the Mount Morris Electric Light Company, and sold current to the villagers. This arrangement was discontinued in 1912. In 1913, equipment was installed for printing and waxing bread wrappers, but this work proved unprofitable and was discontinued in 1916, the machinery being sold to a concern in Wisconsin specializing in bread-wrapper printing.

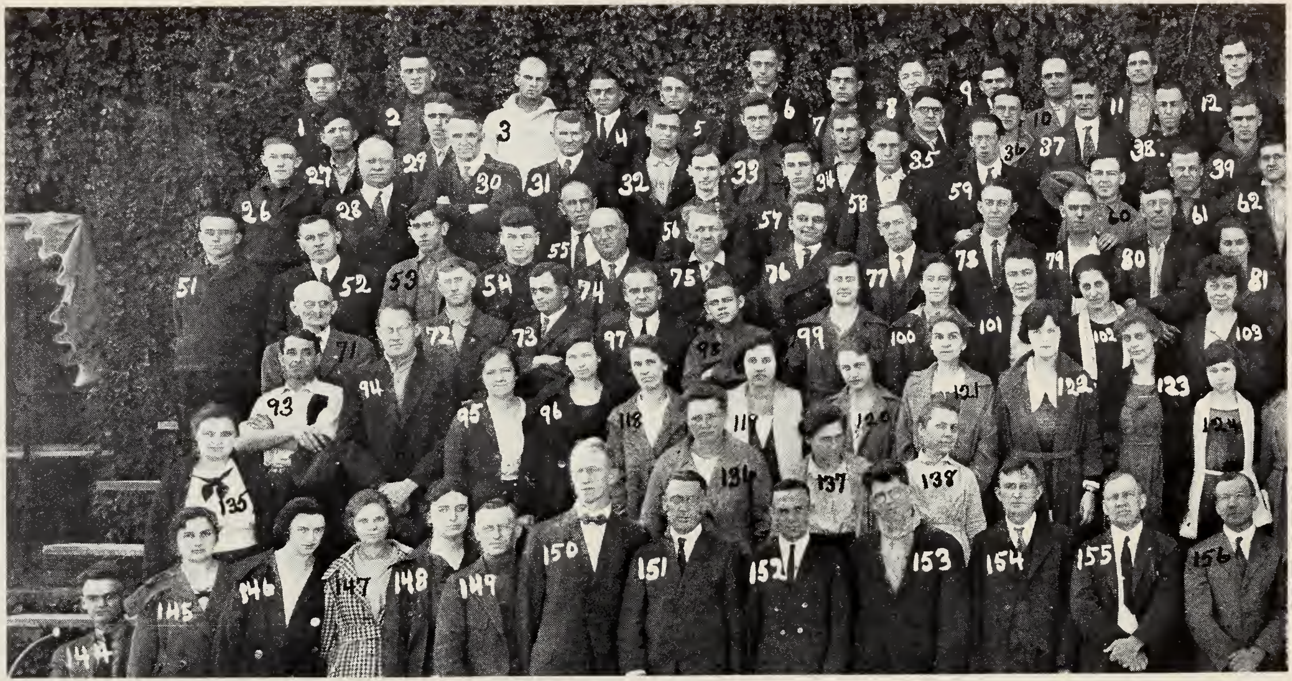
From 1904 to 1906, business continued to come in so rapidly that it was necessary to plan for even larger space. In the latter year there was erected the structure that is now used as a central heating plant for all of the buildings on the campus, but these quarters were

THIS picture shows the Kable plant in course of construction in the summer of 1909. It was built by N. E. Buser.

THIS picture of the working force of approximately 100 people was taken soon after the company moved to the new building in 1909. Quite a few of these workmen are still with the company.



THIS ARTIST'S DRAWING of the Kable plant shows the building as it now appears. Since the original building was erected in 1909, at least a dozen additions have been built, the latest being the large stock room built in 1929 and the rotogravure department built in 1936.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KABLE WORKING FORCE about the year 1920

1. Walter Marshall
2. Ralph Crowell
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6. Harold Ross
7. C. B. Trump
8. Dan Eversole
9. Paul Langdon
10. William C. Alter
11. J. S. Rodeffer
12. Harry Sprecher
13. Adolph C. Jindra
14. J. H. Seneff
15. Ben McHenry
16. Virgil Dierdorff
17. Roy Saunders
18. Edwin Shugars
19. Luther Lizer
20. Frances Michael
21. Roy Middlekauff
22. John Marshall
23. Fred Brinker
24. Royal Brinker
25. E. L. Boydston
26. Maurice Stewart
27. J. H. Rock
28. Fred A. Mix
29. Clinton Frawert
30. E. R. Duket
31. David Bock
32. Dale Emmert
33. Bert Tilden
34. Wilbur Miller
35. Lloyd P. Smith
36. Fred Michael
37. Clyde Walkup
38. Jesse Smith
39. Leon Light
40. David B. Ross
41. Oliver Miller
42. Walter Mitchell
43. Robert Tilden
44. Paul Suter
45. Ray Seibert
46. Clayton Gloss
47. Roy Garkey
48. Fred Long
49. George Silvius
50. Benj. Royer
51. Paul Barnhizer
52. A. J. McLeod
53. John Jacobs
54. Lloyd Unger
55. Harry Carruthers
56. Howard Sprecher
57. Dudley Allen
58. O. T. McCoy
59. C. E. Merriman
60. E. J. Hyland
61. Glenn Unger
62. Harry Rock
63. Chas. Webster
64. A. V. Johnston
65. Harvey Miller
66. Ross Silvius
67. Ralph Mahoy
68. Elmer Shoemaker
69. Leonard Jenison
70. Carl Withers
71. Hiram Stouffer
72. Dale Miller
73. J. Q. Allen
74. Fred Crosby
75. U. B. Pittenger
76. Earl Williams
77. J. A. Finnen
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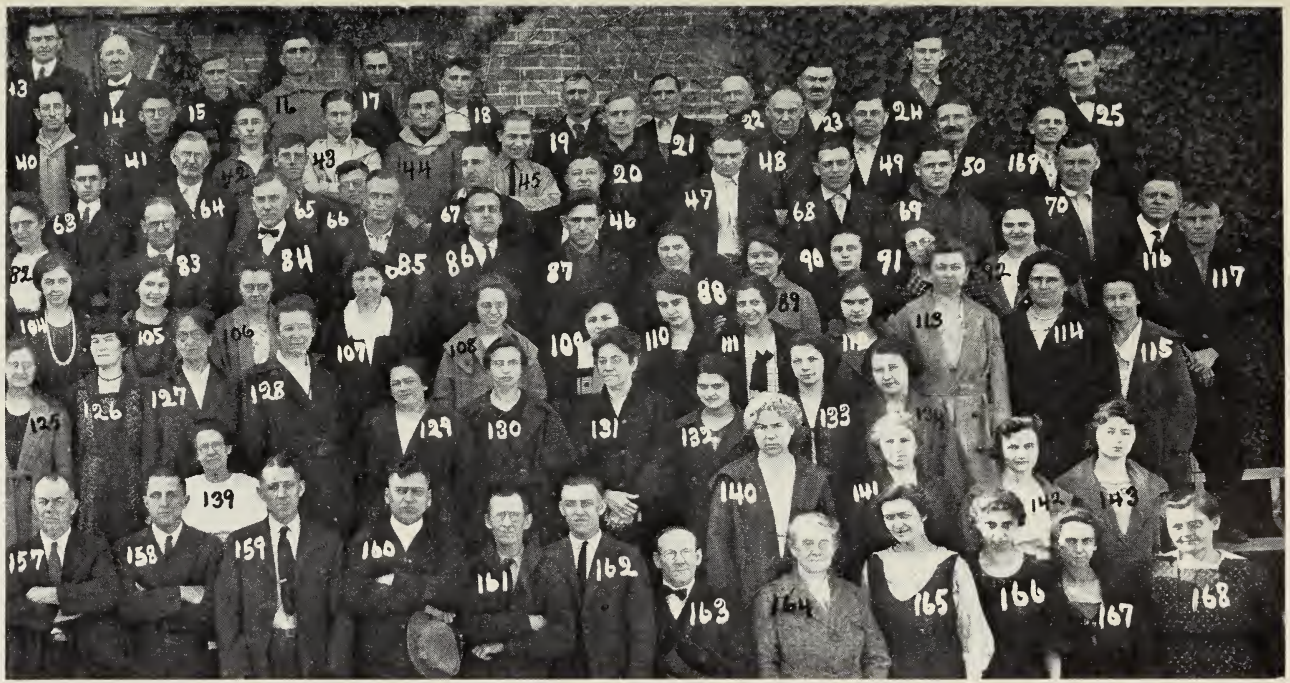
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86. Perley Rees
87. Donald Jenison
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90. Hazel Suter
91. Bessie Domer
92. Bessie Mahoy
93. C. C. Armbruster
94. N. C. Kindlund
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98. Paul Rees
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101. Vivian Grady
102. Edith Weaver
103. Anna McKinglen
104. Ethel May Wing
105. Nellie Murphy
106. Lizzie Rohns
107. Margaret Mix
108. Rachel Ross
109. Lucille Paul
110. Lulu Pyper
111. Hazel Healey
112. Faith Longman
113. Mary Frawert
114. Carrie Dohlen
115. Anna Spielman
116. Louis Reimer
117. Alvis Lawson
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119. Jeannette Noble
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122. Jane Pine
123. Grace Weaver
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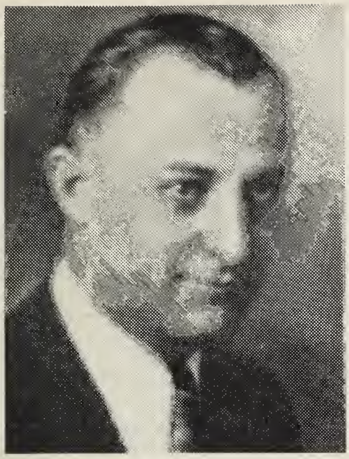
126. Nora Coyne
127. Emma Wolfe
128. Ella Brunskill
129. Susan Miller
130. Vera Rees
131. Grace Price
132. Olive Royer
133. Ada Sprecher
134. Ethel Shaw
135. Bertha Vetter
136. Addie Johnston
137. Katherine Miller
138. Lizzie Shirk
139. Minnie McLaughlin
140. Edna Dahl
141. Elva Hiestand
142. Ethel Carr
143. Ruth Prugh
144. Lloyd Merryman
145. Gladys Suter
146. Agnes Spielman
147. Viola Nutt
148. Julia Slaughter
149. Ray Blecker
150. Louis Barkman
151. Grover C. Hammett
152. Alvin D. Hurdle
153. Chas. Freedlund
154. W. R. Miller
155. Harry G. Kable
156. Harvey J. Kable
157. W. I. Prugh
158. Arthur S. Barre
159. Herlock Longman
160. A. E. Hecker
161. Harry Longman
162. Frank Hilger
163. Robert Toole
164. Ella Williams
165. Lottie Remington
166. Hazel Roller
167. Luella Webster
168. Martha Swift
169. Frank Stonebraker

MILO D. ZIMMERMAN, secretary and director of Kable Brothers Company, is the son of Rev. Horace E. and Annie E. (Doub) Zimmerman and was born Oct. 7, 1894, at Tannersville, Pa. He graduated from the Hagerstown (Md.) High School, in June, 1912. Came to Mount Morris the same month and took a clerical position with Kable Brothers Company. Spent one semester at Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., in 1914. Entered Mount Morris College in September, 1914, and graduated June, 1920, meanwhile working part time at the printing plant and spending eight months in training camp during the war. He taught in Mount Morris College Academy during 1920-21 and was principal of the public school at Fairhope, Ala., 1921-22. Accepted position in sales department of Kable Brothers Company in 1922, elected to board of directors in 1927, and secretary of the company in 1931. He is a member of the Lutheran Church; charter member local post of the American Legion; Loyal Order of Moose; Sunset Golf Club; president of the Kiwanis Club, 1936; Grade School board 1924-26; president of the Community Chest 1937 and 1938; elected to Library Board 1937. He was married in December, 1915, to Hazel Kable and they have three children, Ward, Doris and Bryant.

not large enough for long. In 1909, the first section of the present building was erected. With characteristic foresight the structure was designed in such a way that additions could be made at a minimum cost and maximum of convenience. Subsequent events proved the wisdom of this plan, because ten years later fifty per cent more space was added, and on an average of about every five years thereafter the building was enlarged, the latest addition having been erected in the fall of 1936. The floor space area in this fortieth anniversary year is 147,537 square feet—about two and three-quarter acres.

Contrary to the experience of most printers, the business operated profit-

HARVEY LONG has been connected with Kable Brothers Company since 1923, first as accountant and later as director and assistant treasurer. He was the son of John and Nancy (Bigler) Long and was born at Bradford, Ohio, July 31, 1882. He was of a family of eight children. He attended the country school near his home in Ohio and then came to Mount Morris College where he received his A.B. degree in 1904. He was active in athletics and he and Lloyd Holsinger organized and played on the first basketball team. After finishing college, he taught two years at Brookville. He married Anna Trostle in 1908 and they settled on a farm in Wisconsin for four years, then returned to Mount Morris where he taught in the high school for six years. He then taught two years in the Shattuck (Minn.) Military School and was principal of the Franklin Grove High School for three years. He then returned to Mount Morris again and has since been connected with Kable Brothers Company. He has been justice of the peace, president of the high school board, treasurer of Mount Morris Building and Loan Assn., and held various other responsible positions. Mr. and Mrs. Long have two daughters: Margaret, who married H. C. Mitchell, and Roberta, who married Earl Gabrielson.



HAROLD D. ROSS, superintendent and director of Kable Brothers Company, is the son of a United Brethren minister, Rev. H. O. Ross, and was born at Adeline, Ill., July 4, 1896. His mother's maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Demuth. Harold is the second son of a family of seven children, the others being Frederick, Virginia, Julia, Douglas, Rachel and Charles. He attended schools where his father was pastor, including Castalia, Gladbrook and Moravia, Iowa, and Wall, S. Dak. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1916 and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1917 and 1918. He started work for Kable Brothers Company in 1913 on part time while attending school and started regular work in 1918, served an apprenticeship in the composing room, and worked his way up until he was appointed superintendent of the plant in 1931. He has been a member of the grade school board since 1927 and is a member of the library board. He is past master of the local Masonic lodge and past worthy patron of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the American Legion, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Methodist Church, and a director of the Mount Morris Building & Loan Assn. Mr. Ross was married in 1921 to Dorothy Sharp Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Davis. They have three sons: Harold D. Jr., William D., and Andrew S.

ably right from the start. Except for the year 1911, there is an unbroken dividend record from the time of incorporation to 1931, beginning at eight percent, dropping to two percent in 1910, and then raising to ten percent in 1920. This rate, including one stock dividend and several extras in cash, was maintained for eleven years. Following the trend of industry in general, profits dropped off sharply during the depression years following 1931, and dividend payments have been on a reduced basis since then.

The business grew too rapidly to be financed entirely out of undistributed profits. Whenever an expansion program was launched, the capitalization of the corporation was increased, and the stock readily taken up either by old or new stockholders. Because the Company was making money and paying good dividends, securing additional capital was not a difficult problem. The $800.00 which was borrowed in 1898 to buy out the Coggins plant was all the

MAURICE SAMSEL, production manager with Kable Brothers Company, is the son of Daniel R. and Helen M. (Stouffer) Samsel and was born in Mount Morris, Jan. 10, 1904. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1921 and in 1923 started an apprenticeship in the composing room of Kable Brothers Company. After completing his apprenticeship he served as assistant foreman and foreman of the editorial department, assistant to the superintendent for one year and is now serving as production manager. He served two years in the National Guard as a member of the 129th Infantry Band. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren. Mr. Samsel was married in 1925 to Ethel Shaw and they have two boys: James Eugene and Gary Lee.

HARVEY J. KABLE

HARVEY J. AND HARRY G. KABLE, twin sons of John and Elizabeth (Speicher) Kable, were born July 15, 1880, at Lanark, Ill. The father and mother were both of German descent, the former being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother came from Ohio. The family moved to Mount Morris from Lanark in 1882 and Mr. Kable engaged in the carpet weaving business. The twins started in the public school under Miss Lillie Farwell (Mrs. Harry Cushing) as teacher. They graduated in 1896 under Principal E. E. Winders. Harvey spent the next two years attending Mount Morris College (graduating from the academy in 1898) while Harry was learning the printing trade in the Mount Morris News and Brethren Publishing House plants. With this preparation of two years, the brothers bought the *Mount Morris Index* and embarked in the printing business. For many years they had a unique plan of exchanging jobs on the first day of each year. This continued until the death of Harvey in 1931. Outside of business, their hobby was music. They organized, maintained and played in the local band

HARRY G. KABLE

for over thirty-five years and also sang in the Lutheran Church choir for about the same period.

Harvey Kable was married in 1903 to Miss Pearl Hershey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hershey, and they have three children: Forrest, Justin and Virginia. He was taken ill in 1928 and passed away April 13, 1931, aged nearly 51 years.

Harry Kable was married in 1906 to Miss Edith Walkup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walkup, and they have one son, Robert R. Mr. Kable is now president and treasurer of Kable Brothers Company, director and chairman of the board of Kable News Company, organizer and president of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Masons, Consistory, Shrine, Moose, Kiwanis Club and the Lutheran Church.

The three sons of the brothers have completed their college education and are now actively connected with the Kable plant in responsible positions.

FORREST T. KABLE, eldest son of Harvey J. Kable, is connected with the sales department of Kable Brothers Company, and spends much of his time on the road. He was born in Mount Morris, May 13, 1907, and graduated from the local high school in 1925. He later attended the University of Illinois and the University of Michigan. He is married to Bernice Bruner and they have two daughters, Diane Lee and Joan. He was a member for six years of the 129th Infantry Band, Illinois National Guard.

new money invested in the business until incorporation in 1904. The capital structure beginning at that point grew as follows:

1904	$ 15,000
1906	35,000
1908	100,000
1917	150,000
1919	250,000
1920	500,000
1923	750,000
1926	1,000,000
1931	1,250,000

Of the present total capitalization, $250,000 is in preferred stock, all the rest being common. There are more than 400 stockholders, and although much stock is still held locally, there is a great deal that has found its way, through transfers and inheritances, to distant points. No one person or group owns a majority of the stock. A ten-year bond issue for $35,000 was authorized in 1911, but only two-thirds of it was sold and this was retired by 1915.

In its forty years of life, the Company has had four different presidents, one man, Joseph L. Rice, serving at two different times. The Board of Directors, except from 1927 to 1935, has always been composed of seven men. During that eight-year period there were nine. The lists of presidents and directors follow:

Presidents

Joseph L. Rice	1904-1907
Arthur W. Brayton	1907-1922
Joseph L. Rice	1922-1924
Harvey J. Kable	1924-1931
Harry G. Kable	1931-

Directors

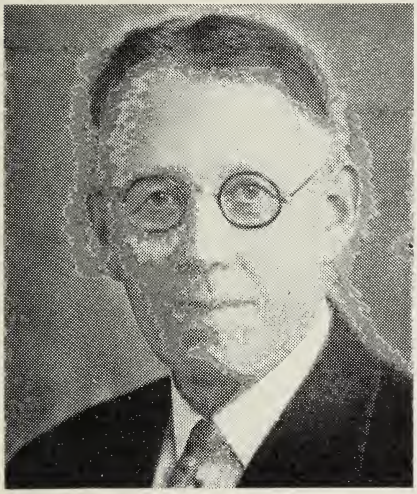
	Elected	*Retired*
Harry G. Kable	1904	
Harvey J. Kable	1904	1931*
Abram H. Rittenhouse	1904	1906
Joseph L. Rice	1904	1931*
Arthur W. Brayton	1904	1922*
John H. Rice	1904	1907
Henry E. Newcomer	1904	1905
Samuel P. Mumma	1905	1912*
Ulysses C. Nye	1906	1908
Nathaniel E. Buser	1907	1923
John E. Tice	1908	1917*
Holly C. Clark	1912	1923

JUSTIN M. KABLE, second son of Harvey J. Kable, is in charge of Kable Brothers Company's Chicago sales and service office at 160 N. LaSalle St. He was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 17, 1910. He attended the local schools and spent two years at the Staunton Military Academy at Staunton, Va. He graduated from Carthage College in 1933. He married Velma Galor and they have two children, Philip Harvey and Valerie Ann. He was a member for three years of the 129th Infantry Band, Illinois National Guard.

Solomon E. Avey	1917	1935
Fred J. Dean	1922	1935
James W. Watt	1923	
William J. Emerson	1923	1935
Milo D. Zimmerman	1927	
Samuel J. Campbell	1927	
Harvey Long	1931	
Charles E. Stuart	1931	1935
Harold D. Ross	1935	
Glenn O. Sensiba	1935	

*By death.

From the time of its incorporation the Company has had only three secretaries —Harvey Kable, 1904 to 1910; Harry Kable, from that year until 1931; and Milo Zimmerman since then. The treasurer was either one of the two brothers for the entire period, with the exception of three years, 1930-1933, when that office was held by Samuel J. Campbell. For a number of years, Hazel Kable (now Mrs. Milo Zimmerman) served efficiently as assistant treasurer. Harvey Long has held the office of assistant treasurer since 1927. Officers at the present time are: President and Treasurer, Harry G. Kable; Vice-president, Samuel J. Campbell; Secretary, Milo D. Zimmerman; Assistant Treasurer, Harvey Long.

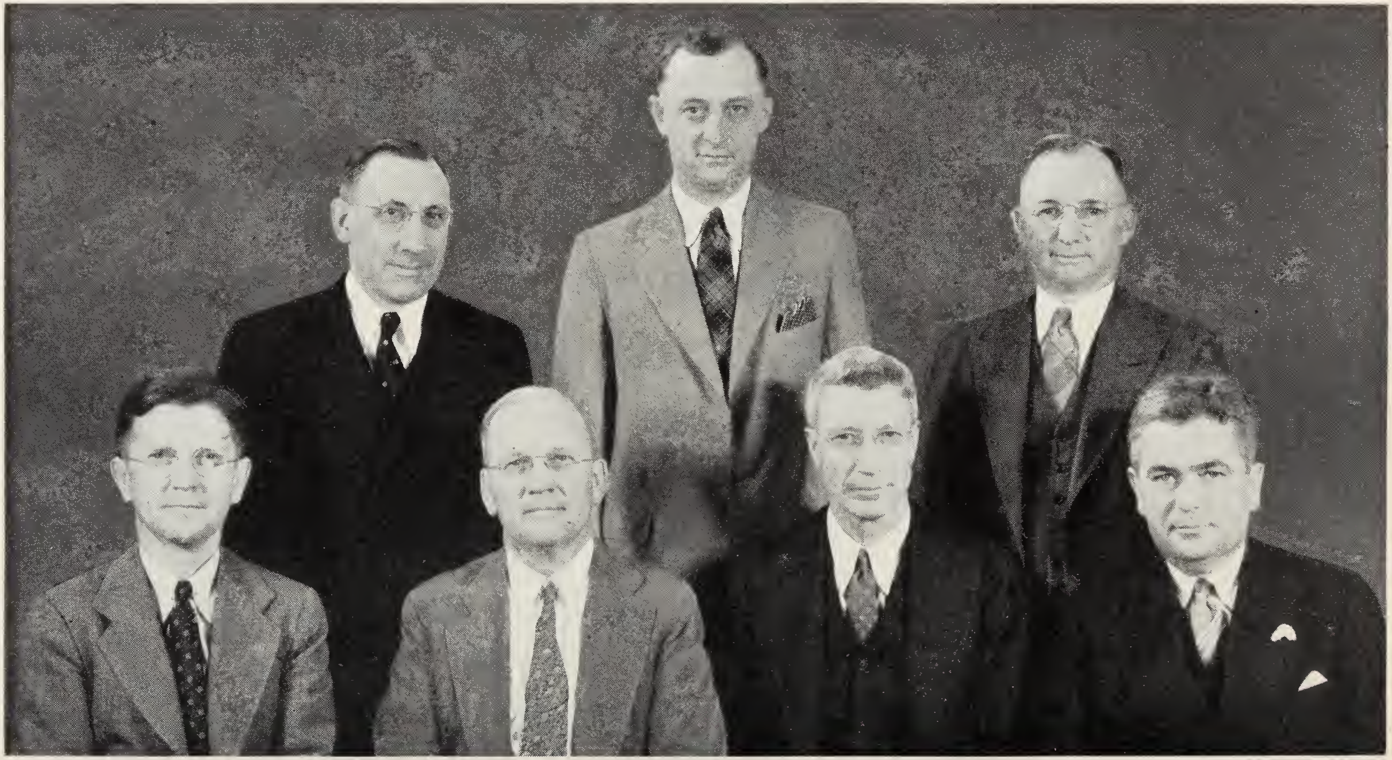


HERLOCK E. LONGMAN has been building superintendent and foreman of stock department in the Kable plant since July 1916. Previous to that he was employed by the Buser Company for 21 years as carpenter. He is the son of John Longman and was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 28, 1875. He married Elsie Lookabaugh and they own a fine home at 110 E. Center St. For many years he was a valued member of the local band and served three years with the band at Camp Grant with the 129th Infantry.

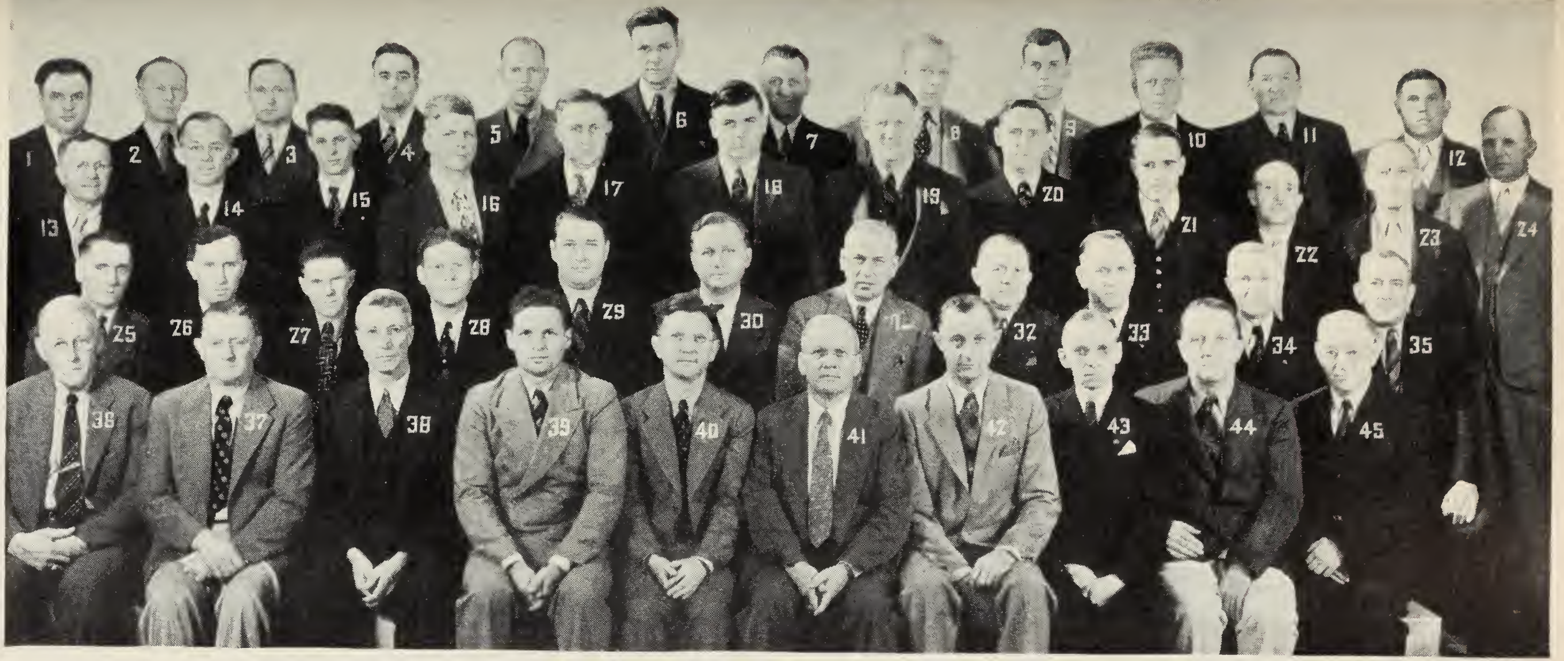
HARRY F. LONGMAN is one of the very first employes of Kable Brothers Company, having started work in November, 1906. For a number of years he has been foreman of the bindery. He was born at Keedysville, Md., Dec. 29, 1872, and is the son of John Longman. He married Lulu E. Kable and they have three children, Faith (Mrs. Ray Siebert), Joyce (wife of Rev. Richard Roth), and Harold.

On April 13, 1931, after three years of failing health, Harvey J. Kable died. Until this time the brothers had been inseparable, not alone in the business enterprise which they had brought to such a magnificent success, but outside of business.

Before 1902, all type was set by hand, and the lone press was operated by man power. In that year the first linotype was purchased. This necessitated the installation of power equipment, and a small gasoline engine served the purpose in 1904. In that epochal year, when it was found necessary to have more power to run the new press to print *The Mystic Worker,* a bigger engine was bought and hooked up to a line shaft. This furnished power both for press and linotype. From that time on new equipment was added as the plant was successively enlarged to handle the steadily increasing volume of



BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Kable Brothers Company. Front row, left to right: Milo D. Zimmerman, secretary; Harry G. Kable, president and treasurer; Harvey Long, assistant treasurer; S. J. Campbell, vice-president. Upper row: J. W. Watt, director; Harold D. Ross, director and superintendent; Glenn O. Sensiba, director.



EXECUTIVES AND FOREMEN OF KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY, 1938

(1) Leon Light, assistant foreman bindery
(2) Ray D. Blecker, foreman folder department
(3) Warren Burchby, asst. foreman composing room
(4) Adrian J. Cattoen, asst. foreman rotary presses
(5) Donovan Mills, foreman editorial department
(6) Paul Kent, head janitor
(7) Frank Hilger, supt. bindery and mailing depts.
(8) Theodore Swan, night foreman composing room
(9) Robert R. Kable, assistant to superintendent
(10) James Rouse, night foreman rotary presses, third shift
(11) James Fisher, foreman rotary press department
(12) Harold G. Miller, night foreman rotary presses, second shift
(13) S. E. Avey, foreman mailing department
(14) Walter Klepfer, manager job department
(15) Edwin S. Ports, assistant foreman mailing dept.
(16) Charles Freedlund, night foreman cylinder presses
(17) Ernest Yerkey, asst. foreman flat bed presses
(18) Dudley Allen, asst. night foreman flat bed presses
(19) Harold C. Pearce, asst. night foreman composing room
(20) Douglas Ross, night foreman editorial dept.
(21) Leland Rittenhouse, assistant to production manager
(22) Louis Incontro, night foreman rotogravure press
(23) Harry F. Longman, foreman bindery
(24) Walter E. Berg, manager engraving department
(25) Earl Wible, night foreman folder department
(26) John Glotfelty, asst. foreman mailing list dept.
(27) Axel A. Johnston, foreman maintenance dept.
(28) Myron C. Wheldon, foreman rotogravure press department
(29) Myron W. Yorke, foreman rotogravure processing department
(30) Otto Herzfeldt, assistant foreman flat bed presses
(31) Adam E. Hecker, foreman mailing list dept.
(32) George Priller, foreman electrotype foundry
(33) Wm. Jiracek, asst. foreman electrotype foundry
(34) Wm. Breitzke, foreman flat bed presses
(35) Edward Luther, night foreman electrotype foundry
(36) Herlock E. Longman, foreman stock department and building superintendent
(37) Howard Bronson, purchasing agent and personnel director
(38) Harvey Long, assistant treasurer
(39) Maurice Samsel, production manager
(40) Milo D. Zimmerman, secretary and sales manager
(41) H. G. Kable, president and treasurer
(42) Harold D. Ross, superintendent
(43) Charles Edson, accountant
(44) Arthur S. Barre, foreman composing room
(45) Fred Colvin, night foreman bindery.

A. E. HECKER, foreman of the mailing list department of Kable Brothers Company, was born April 16, 1887, at Sterling, Ill. He is the son of Thomas and Alice (Journay) Hecker. Mr. Hecker came to Mount Morris as a student of Mount Morris College and after several years spent in Montana, returned to Mount Morris to take charge of the important mailing list department of the Kable plant and has under his direction over a hundred workers, mostly girls. In May, 1918, he married Irene C. Ewert of Chicago who was a previous employe of the company.

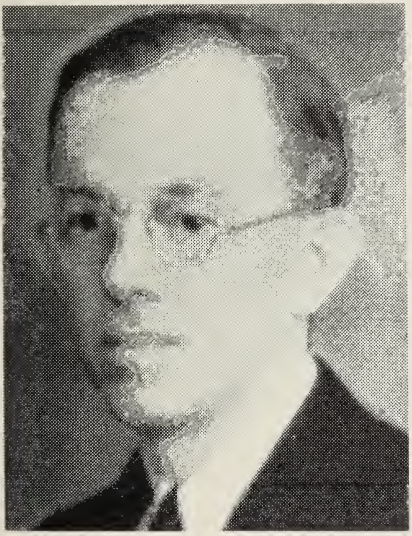
business. In 1923, the field of general magazine printing began to open up, requiring the installation of high-speed presses printing from rolls instead of sheets. The first press of this character was put into operation in February, and additional machines of the same type added over a period of the next nine years. In 1936, it was decided to branch into the field of rotogravure printing. An addition was built to house this department, and the first press, costing approximately $100,000, was put into operation in April, 1937. Space has been provided for two more presses of the same type when the volume of business warrants their installation.

The rapid growth of the business developed a number of problems not directly connected with the operation of a printing plant. In 1910, a petition was presented by the printers requesting the privilege of forming a union. This was promptly granted, and the plant has been operated under union labor conditions ever since. The housing problem began to be a very pressing matter about 1920. In numerous ways the Company assisted employees to build or buy homes. In 1930, a large tract of land west of the plant was acquired and laid out in lots for home building. This is now known as the Kable Addition. The Company was a prime mover in the organization of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association in 1925, and assisted materially in the village paving project two years later. In order to provide modern hotel accommodations for the many visitors and customers coming to town, Hotel Olson was purchased in 1922, completely renovated, and renamed Kable Inn. Following the Mount Mor-

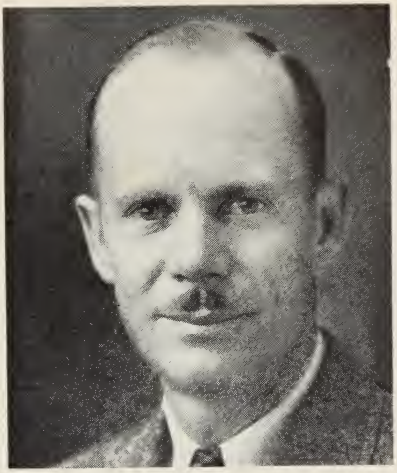
CHAS. C. EDSON, accountant with Kable Brothers Company, was born at Middletown, Ohio, March 30, 1896. He is the son of Chas. E. and Estella (Runyan) Edson. He attended the grade and high schools at Middletown and the Ohio State University at Columbus. He served as sergeant first-class in the medical department of the U. S. Army during the World War. He is past commander of the local American Legion Post. He served one term on the library board and has been a member of the Village Board of Trustees since May, 1935. Mr. Edson was married in 1920 to Gladys Avey and they have a daughter, Mary Bea.

ris College fire in 1931, $25,000 was pledged by the Company to cover half the cost of erecting a new gymnasium, and when this institution closed its doors a year later, the entire college premises were acquired. All but Old Sandstone have been subsequently sold, this building now being occupied by the engraving department, the publishers of Poultry Tribune and Woman's World, and the public library. From 1919 to 1921 a total of $21,500 was paid out on an employee profit-sharing plan, and Christmas gifts in the form of additional paychecks were distributed on several occasions. Group insurance was carried for awhile, the Company paying the entire premium. This has since been discontinued. There is now a welfare association, through which employees may secure insurance virtually at group rates and financial help in time of emergency.

In 1932, a subsidiary, Kable News Company, was organized for the pur-



WALTER O. KLEPFER, manager of the job department of Kable plant, was born at Kokomo, Ind., Jan. 19, 1892, and came to Mount Morris from Aurora in May, 1930, after serving 16 years as foreman and superintendent of the printing plant at Mooseheart, Ill. He married Mable M. Jeffery of Marion, Ind., Sept. 20, 1911, and they have three children: Elsie Mae, Robert and Rosemarie.



DONOVAN MILLS is foreman of the editorial department. He was born at Linden, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1900, and first came to Mount Morris in July, 1923. He married Ethel Lee Helm and they have two daughters, Sabra Nell and Delina Lee. Mr. Mills is a competent musician and has been a valued member of the local band. He is well known for his poetic ability and his work has appeared for many years in the *Anthology of Newspaper Verse.*

JAMES ROUSE is night foreman of the rotary press department. He was born at Osborne, Kans., Feb. 16, 1890, and came to Mount Morris in March, 1924. He married Mildred L. Lowe and has seven children: Eugene, Margaret, Alma, Arliene, Mildred, James and Barbara. At present he is chief of the local volunteer fire department.

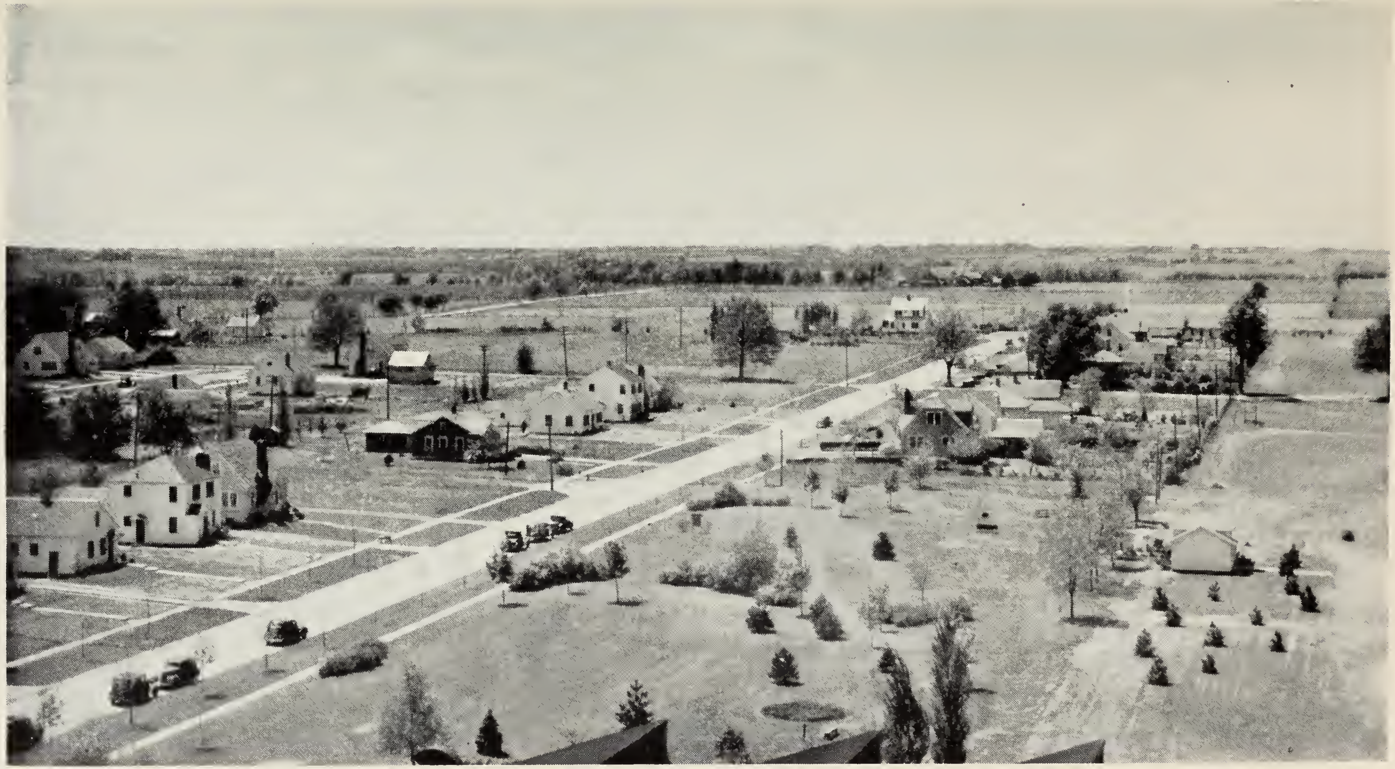
A BUSY day at the Kable plant in 1938. Workers' cars parked on Sunset Lane at south of plant.

pose of handling the newsstand distribution of some of the magazines produced in the printing plant, as well as similar periodicals printed elsewhere. The business did not prosper, and in order to forestall any loss, it was sold to the then vice-president and treasurer of the Company, Samuel J. Campbell, and subsequently all stock interest was disposed of. Under Mr. Campbell's management the business took a quick turn for the better, and at the present time is employing approximately 125 people. The quarters are in the former College Hall building.

In a word, the unknown *Index* of 1898 has grown in forty years to the nationally known Kable Brothers Company. The initial working force of three, drawing a total weekly pay of probably $15.00, has become today a force of over eight hundred people, who, in one record week of 1937, were paid $26,873. The $800 investment has increased to more than $1,800,000 today, and the estimated output for the first year of business will be multiplied almost 4,000 times in this fortieth anniversary period. But figures do not tell the whole story. Only people living in Mount Morris today, who look back to the 90's, can appreciate the transformation in the community wrought by this successful business enterprise.

The following record of the volume of business done in each of the past forty years shows at a glance an almost uninterrupted growth, there being only one recession—in 1918—prior to the great depression years of 1931-1936:

1899 (estimated)	$ 900
1900 (estimated)	1,500
1901	2,234
1902	2,857
1903	4,794
1904	4,954
1905	9,560
1906	13,707
1907	17,569
1908	25,714
1909	60,797
1910	87,086
1911	101,878
1912	118,047
1913	135,495
1914	152,563
1915	196,888
1916	219,677
1917	276,163
1918	249,098
1919	352,402



VIEW LOOKING WEST from the top of the Kable plant showing the new addition to the village of Mount Morris. Through the center is the new street, Sunset Lane, and at the right is the park and a small section of the Sunset Golf Club which was built in 1937.

1920	611,825
1921	793,267
1922	849,519
1923	1,122,067
1924	1,448,512
1925	1,639,528
1926	1,994,690
1927	2,328,145
1928	2,514,197
1929	2,820,255
1930	3,274,818
1931	2,915,308
1932	2,491,413
1933	2,398,811
1934	2,435,674
1935	2,733,209
1936	2,949,612
1937	3,389,793
1938 (estimated)	3,500,000

The company has a sales and service office in Chicago at 160 N. LaSalle St., in charge of Justin Kable. A. L. Jones is also connected with the Chicago office as salesman.

The company also has an office at 420 Lexington Ave., New York City, in charge of Wm. M. Cotton. Both sales offices are connected by teletype and the Mount Morris office has a direct private wire to Chicago.

MOUNT MORRIS PRESS

K. M. Reynolds operates a printing establishment in Mount Morris, known as the Mount Morris Press. He is the son of Charles and Mabel (Graves) Reynolds and was born Nov. 30, 1905, at Lostant, Ill. He attended the Lostant public schools and the Western Military Academy at Alton, Ill. He started in the printing business at Lostant, worked for awhile in Chicago, and located in Mount Morris in June, 1935. The plant is located in a frame building back of the Wishard Building. He is assisted by Mrs. Reynolds and they specialize in commercial printing. He is a member of the Masons and Business Men's League. Mr. Reynolds was married in 1924 to Etta Mae Defenbaugh.

Chapter 10

COMING OF THE RAILROAD

THE history of Mount Morris might properly be divided into two epochs—one reaching from the time of its founding in 1839 until the coming of the railroad in 1871, and the second from 1871 until the present time. During the period embraced in this first epoch, Mount Morris was isolated from the world, and the restlessness of her citizens knew no bounds. Merchandise of all kinds had to be transported by team from Polo and other towns and grain was hauled long distances to market. Passengers and the mails were transported by the old-time stage coach or on horseback. At last Mount Morris people began to be very impatient for a railroad and the subject became the principal topic of discussion both in the home and on the groceryman's store box. Every rumor of a possible railway project was grasped by the anxious people and every effort made to encourage any such enterprises. It was as early as 1853 when this "railroad fever" began to take hold of the people throughout this part of the county, caused no doubt by the success of the Illinois Central Railroad, built through the west part of the county in that year. Numerous lines were projected, and the people were called upon to aid in their construction by subscriptions to capital stock, donations and loans of credit, both in their individual and corporate capacities. Among those that were projected about this time was the Chicago, St. Charles & Mississippi Air Line Railroad, which was designed to cross Ogle County from east to west. The board of supervisors of the county met and voted in favor of taking $100,000 in the capital stock of this railroad. This railroad like many others failed to materialize, however.

The next railroad project to cause hope to rise in the breasts of the people was that of the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad Company which was incorporated in 1857 by the General Assembly of Illinois. Section two authorized the company to "locate, construct and complete, maintain and operate a railroad from the town of Lane (now Rochelle), in the county of Ogle, to the town of Oregon in same county; from thence to the town of Mount Morris; from thence on the most eligible and direct route to or near the town of Mt. Carroll, in the county of Carroll; from thence to the Mississippi River." The company was also empowered to construct said railroad east from Oregon to the city of Chicago. The capital stock was fixed at one million dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. The company made but little effort to organize under the original act, and two years later the charter was amended by "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad Company,'" approved Feb. 24, 1859. The company then organized and elected directors, among whom was Frederick G. Petrie, of Mount Morris, who was elected president.

After this railroad company was actually organized in 1859, still there were apparently no better prospects of a railroad through Oregon and Mount Morris than before. Notwithstanding the fact that Oregon and other towns had repeatedly voted aid, the company had accomplished nothing toward the construction of the road as late as 1867. The nearest railroad point to Oregon, was at Franklin Grove, Lee County, on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, twelve miles away. Finally, however, the right man became interested in the railroad scheme and there began to be evidence of the railroad becoming a reality. Concerning this, *Kett's History of Ogle County* says:

"In the spring of 1867, shortly after the last vote of the town of Oregon (a vote to donate $50,000 to the company, under certain specified conditions and restrictions), the contract to build a new wagon bridge across Rock River at Oregon was awarded to Messrs. Canda & Hinckley, of Chicago. Mr. Francis E. Hinckley had the supervision of the work. While here Mr. Hinckley became aware of the existence of the charter of the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad Company and the condition of its affairs. He became interested, investigated the matter and determined that the road should be built. He waited upon the officers of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, who expressed a willingness to carry out the terms of the contract with the old G. & C. U. Company, and agreed to furnish the iron and ties as soon as the work of grading was completed, and the preliminaries relating to use of cars, drawbacks, etc., should be arranged. The firm of Canda & Hinckley dissolved and Mr. Hinckley assumed sole control 'having,' it is authoritatively stated, 'possessed himself of a contract for the rights and franchises of the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad Company.' "

It seems, however, that this old company became disorganized and many of the old members, together with Mr. Hinckley as the moving spirit, applied to the General Assembly for the incorporation of the company under a new name, the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company. The Assembly passed the act of incorporation March 3, 1869. This act provided that "all such persons as may become stockholders in the corporation" should be a body politic and corporate, etc. This company was authorized to locate, construct, complete, maintain and operate a railroad from Chicago to a crossing of Rock River at or near the town of Oregon, thence through Ogle and Carroll Counties to the Mississippi River at Savanna; thence up said river to Galena and the northern boundary of the state. The capital stock was fixed at one million dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, and might be increased by the directors to any sum not exceeding five millions. The act provided that the several towns, villages and cities along or near the route of the railroad, in their corporate capacity, might subscribe to the stock of the company or make donations thereto, or lend their credit to the company to aid in constructing or equipping the road, provided, that no such subscription, donation or loan should be made until the same should be voted for by the people of the respective towns, cities or villages.

The Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company was organized soon after its incorporation, by the election of Francis E. Hinckley, James V. Gale, Frederick G. Petrie, Elias S. Potter and David B. Stiles, directors; and the board organized by the election of Francis E. Hinckley, president, and James V. Gale, vice-president. Thenceforward the work was prosecuted by this company, entirely superseding the Ogle & Carroll County Railroad Company. In fact, the corporation act authorized the construction of this railroad over substantially the same route as the proposed Ogle & Carroll County Railroad. The promoters of the scheme proceeded immediately to solicit aid of the various towns and cities along the route, as provided by the corporation act. Oregon was the first to respond and voted to donate $50,000 to the enterprise, by a vote of 152 to 1.

During the summer and autumn of 1869, the engineers of the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company surveyed and located the road from Rochelle to Oregon, the work of grading was commenced and nearly completed. When it had nearly been finished, Henry Keep, of New York, had been elected president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, and when Mr. Hinckley applied for the iron, which had been promised by that company, he was told that it could not be furnished him. Mr. Hinckley, accompanied by Mr. Petrie, immediately went to New York, but Mr. Keep could be induced to give no reason for violating the agreement, further than that it was not to be the policy of his company to foster or encourage any more branches. This failure, or refusal, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company to furnish the iron and ties for the road delayed its completion, but Mr.

Hinckley and his associates at length succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Joy, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, for a connection with that road at Aurora. An appeal was then made to the cities and towns along the proposed line of the road for aid. Aurora voted one hundred thousand dollars, Flagg fifty thousand, Mount Morris and Forreston each seventy-five thousand, Alto, Lee County, thirty-three thousand, and several of the towns between Alto and Aurora twenty-five thousand dollars each, Pine Rock ten thousand dollars, Nashua five thousand dollars. After all these appropriations had been made Mr. Hinckley and his friends had no trouble in interesting New York capitalists to the extent of advancing a million dollars on a first mortgage, and late in the fall of 1870 grading commenced in Aurora, and on the thirty-first of December, 1870, the construction train reached Rochelle.

Concerning the appropriation of $75,000 by the township of Mount Morris toward the building of this railroad, the township clerk's record book says: "At a special town meeting held in the town of Mount Morris in the county of Ogle and state of Illinois, at the shop of A. W. Little, on the 30th day of June, A.D. 1870, to vote for or against a donation to the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company. The meeting was called to order by Frederick B. Brayton, town clerk. M. T. Rohrer was, on motion of Wm. H. Atchison, duly chosen as moderator, who being duly sworn by F. B. Brayton, town clerk of said town, entered upon the duties of his office. The polls for the election for or against donation were opened, proclamation thereof being first made by the clerk." Following this is the poll list of 269 voters who participated, and the result of the election, as follows: For donation, one hundred and sixty-three votes; against donation, one hundred and six votes.

Here a word regarding these many donations will be in order. It was an exceedingly peculiar or rather remarkable piece of scheming and financiering on the part of Mr. Hinckley, who was really the principal owner of the road, how he managed, with little or no capital of his own to start with, to build and equip this railroad, by actual out-and-out donations, and came out in the end with a fortune. In fact it might literally be said that the people of Illinois deliberately handed him over a sufficient sum of money to build himself a railroad. Although the statement seems somewhat hyperbolical, it is not far from the truth. The fact of the case is, the people were placed in a rather queer position with a difficult question to decide upon. Men came along and made propositions that if aid would be voted the railroad could be built and many well knew that the coming of the railroad would surely be worth to the community the amount of money to be paid,—$25,000, $50,000, or $75,000, as the case might be, but on the other hand there was that objection to the thought of deliberately handing over money to a man or company of men and creating for them fortunes, merely because they were in a position to ask it. This latter way of looking at the matter and other objections to these donations were evident to many people and there was a strong minority in opposition, and bitter animosities sprang up, which unfortunately are not allayed even yet in some places. The strong opposition by the minority in many towns caused quarrels, and much litigation was entailed upon the people in consequence. The majority of the people, however, believed the flattering tales which the railroad projectors told them, and willingly voted the aid requested, as mentioned before. They were led to believe that every man's farm would be a fortune if they would but aid liberally in the construction of railroads. After a time their dearly-bought experience led them to discover the folly of such a course, and in the latter part of 1870 they amended their constitution to prohibit such corporate action in an amendment to the organic law of the state providing that "no county, city, town, township or other municipality shall ever become subscriber to the capital stock of any railroad or private corporation, or make donation to, or loan its credit in aid of such corporation."

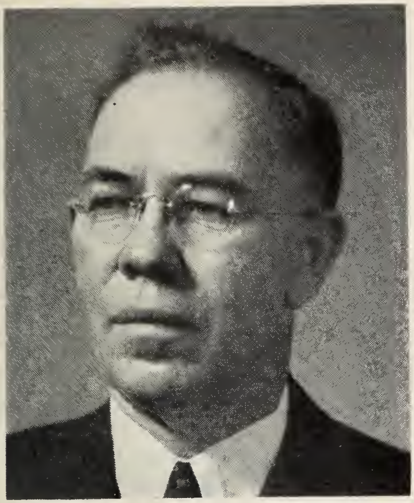
The minority, which had opposed the original voting of donations, took every opportunity to prevent the issuing of the bonds and also the payment after they had been issued, which action was the cause of the trouble afterward encountered by Mount Morris and, in fact, all points along the line. Many towns refused to issue the bonds voted, and some actually avoided the payment by taking advantage of certain technical errors in regard to the legality of the elections when the donations were voted, or some trifling breach of the agreement on the part of the railroad company; others compromised, but many were compelled to pay the full amount, besides a great deal more to cover expenses incurred during litigation. Concerning Mount Morris's well-known unsuccessful attempt to avoid the payment, more is said farther on, in the chronological order of events.

As stated before, the Chicago & Iowa Railroad was completed as far as Rochelle in December, 1870. It was farther completed from Rochelle to a point on the east bank of Rock River, opposite Oregon, April 1, 1871, and regular trains for passengers and freight put on. The bridge across Rock River was completed and the cars crossed it for the first time, Oct. 20, 1871. During the summer of 1871 work progressed on the grading of the road between Oregon and Mount Morris, which was watched with great interest by the people of the township, delighted as they were at the thought of having a railroad. The first passenger train was run to Mount Morris Nov. 12, 1871, and the people celebrated the event in grand style. An elegant public supper was given in honor of the railroad officials.

As soon as the road was completed to Forreston, a connection was made with the Illinois Central Railroad, which opened a route from Chicago to Sioux City, Iowa. A contract was made between the two roads by which the cars of the Illinois Central reached Chicago over the Chicago & Iowa Railroad. New depots were erected along the line in 1872; through trains between Chicago and Dubuque were put on, and the road entered upon a period of good management and general prosperity. The Illinois Central continued to run trains over this road to Chicago until about 1888, when their own road was completed through Freeport and Rockford to that city.

The first station agent in Mount Morris was Mr. A. W. Brayton, later a prosperous druggist and book-seller in the village. His night operator was H. D. Judson, a young man who had made his home with the family of F. B. Brayton. Mr. Judson advanced rapidly in favor with the railroad company and later became superintendent of the road. He acted as night operator under A. W. Brayton and later succeeded Mr. Brayton as agent, with Samuel Rohrer and later "Bob" Lillie as night operators. The succession of agents and operators since that time cannot be definitely ascertained, but the following is probably nearly correct, the agent being mentioned first and the night operator second: C. E. Holbrook and Lyle Newcomer, Ed. L. Mooney and George Shank, Thomas Webb and F. F. Knodle, F. F. Knodle and J. D. Miller, and since 1888, after the Illinois Central trains ceased running, and the night operator was dispensed with,—F. F. Knodle, Reuben Godfrey (three years), S. G. Brown (three years), and F. C. Remmer. Following Remmer, came Elmer Cutts who remained for a number of years, then J. O. Pahaly for a short period. C. O. Jern, the present agent, has been in charge since 1913.

The record of the big fight carried on by Mount Morris for so many years in an attempt to avoid the payment of the money voted to be donated to the railroad is in some respects a rather peculiar piece of history. The complications arising in the case render the task of tracing it one of great delicacy. As to the propriety of voting the donation of $75,000 in the first place, there is of course a diversity of opinion, and also upon the right and wrong of attempting to evade the payment of the same, but it is not the purpose of this book to render any verdicts, one way or another, but merely to give the facts in the case. Undoubtedly the township has derived $75,000 worth of actual benefit from the presence of the railroad and would not part with it for that amount of money, or even for the larger amount which was paid in consequence of the addition of



C. O. JERN, who has been agent for the Burlington Railroad in Mount Morris since 1913, was born Jan. 17, 1881, at Vaderstad, Sweden, and came to the United States in 1890. He studied telegraphy at Oquawka, Ill., and has worked as agent and telegrapher for the Burlington Railroad at Viola, Bradford, Chapin, Arenzville and Eola, coming to Mount Morris in April, 1913. He has been a member of the grade school board and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club. He married Marguerite Hill and they have one daughter, Rosalie (Mrs. Franklyn Balluff).

interest during the period of litigation.

By the terms upon which the donation of $75,000 was voted by Mount Morris, the company was required to complete the road through the town before the bonds should be issued. While the work was progressing the people apparently regretted their liberality and the minority, who had strongly opposed the measure at the election, decided to do all in their power to prevent the issuing of the bonds. Consequently an injunction, signed by Daniel J. Pinckney, John W. Hitt, Jacob H. Mumma, John E. McCoy, Milton E. Getzendaner and John Sprecher, was drawn up and filed in the circuit court of Ogle County, praying that the township of Mount Morris be restrained from the issuing of bonds for the payment of the seventy-five thousand dollars, or any part thereof, or the interest thereon, or any part thereof; also to restrain the township from causing any tax to be levied for the payment of the same. In the writ, an alleged illegality of the election, when the donation was voted, was claimed as the pretext for filing the injunction. The injunction was temporarily granted and the case brought up in the circuit court. But while the slow processes of law were at work on the matter, negotiations were in progress between Mr. Hinckley and Supervisor J. W. Hitt for an amicable settlement of the matter, and an agreement was finally reached to compromise the bond issue at $50,000. This arrangement was decided upon by the people at a special town meeting held March 19, 1875. Regarding this meeting and its action the old village record book has the following:

> Special town meeting met at the shop of A. W. Little in pursuance of call. On motion A. Newcomer, Esq., was chosen moderator and O. H. Swingley, secretary. On motion, the meeting adjourned to Seibert Hall. The hour of two o'clock, P.M., having arrived, the meeting proceeded to business. On motion the supervisor (J. W. Hitt) of the town of Mount Morris was requested to make a full statement to the meeting of all correspondence and negotiations that had taken place between himself and Mr. Hinckley with regard to the settlement of the claim of the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company against the town, whereupon the supervisor made a full statement of all that had taken place between himself and Mr. Hinckley, including Mr. Hinckley's proposition for a final settlement of the question at issue, *viz.*,
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> That the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company would accept bond to the amount of $50,000 dated March 1, 1875, running not to exceed ten years, at ten per cent annual interest, or in lieu thereof $45,000 in cash in full liquidation of said claim. After full and free discussion the following resolutions were adopted without a dissenting voice.
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> Resolved, that after a full consideration of the terms of the proposition made by Mr. F. E. Hinckley, president of the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company through our supervisor to settle the claim of said company against the town, now in litigation, we regard said proposition as alike fair and honorable on the part of Mr. Hinckley, and are of the opinion that the same ought to be accepted in the same spirit in which it is offered.
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> Resolved, That fully recognizing the services rendered the town by the parties who, with honest and consistent purpose, have so persistently contested the issue of the bonds of the town to the amount of $75,000 we are partly in favor of so arranging the settlement with Mr. Hinckley that they shall receive, at the expense of

the town, the sum of $1,600, being the amount they have expended in lawyers' fees, traveling expenses and court charges.

Resolved, That the parties in the suit and the town authorities be and are hereby requested to conclude the settlement without unnecessary delay.

On motion of A. Q. Allen, the following was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we are largely indebted to our supervisor, J. W. Hitt, Esq., for the faithful, efficient and successful manner in which he has conducted these negotiations and guarded the interests of the town, and that a vote of thanks be and is hereby tendered him.

A. Newcomer, Moderator.
O. H. Swingley, Secretary.

In compliance with the above, bonds to the amount of $50,000 were issued to the railroad company and sold, the German Insurance Company of Freeport purchasing most of them. According to the above agreement the bonds and interest were to be paid in ten years and the matter rested quietly for seven years. Then again in 1882, seven years after the bonds had been issued, plans were again laid by the minority who opposed the payment, to restrain the officials from levying any tax at the expiration of the ten years with which to pay the bonds. Accordingly a second injunction was filed in the circuit court in that year by John Harmon, Samuel Domer, Daniel Fager and Reuben S. Marshall. The case came up in the circuit court shortly after and was finally decided against the town. It was then appealed to the supreme court of the state of Illinois and in the year 1888, was finally also settled there, the verdict again going against the town, and the injunction was dissolved, after a continuous term of lawing extending over a period of about six years.

The decision in 1888 by the supreme court dissolving the injunction did not yet bring the town to its last extremity and the payment was further staved off several years by electing town clerks and immediately sending them away, and paying them to stay away. It being necessary to have the signature of the clerk on the paper making the levy, this very effectually preventing the necessary levy and the owners of the bonds were still compelled to carry the indebtedness. Finally, however, as many people anticipated, the town was compelled to give up and the injudicious fight was discontinued. N. A. Watts became clerk of the town and not being willing to "skip" as his predecessors had done, the payment of the vast sum of money, then more than doubled by the accumulation of the ten per cent interest, became no longer avoidable and the levy was made for the first payment,—the sum of $47,000,—which was collected by D. B. Keedy, in the spring of 1894. This large payment, more than three times as large as the usual tax, was met with considerable difficulty by many taxpayers, but with a year's notice to prepare for it, few people were actually crippled financially, and all were glad that the attempt was made after it had been paid. The heavy debt hanging over the town was a great menace to its prosperity, and it was certainly a wise measure to no longer delay its obliteration. Not only did the former condition of affairs drive people away who might have settled in the township, but the credit of the township was kept worthless. By this one stroke, the payment of the $47,000, Mount Morris was again put upon a solid financial basis and the best of credit restored.

The remaining $50,000 of the debt was disposed of by the issuing of new bonds to be paid off in yearly installments. A special town meeting was held to make this arrangement and the result of this election was 250 votes in favor of issuing the bonds and 61 against. It seems, however, that these bonds were not accepted and new arrangements were necessary. A special election was called by posting notices in ten of the most public places in said town, also by notice being published in the *Mount Morris Index*. The question of the issuing of new bonds, substantially as quoted in the above petition, was voted upon on the 26th day of May, 1894, the date set for the election, and the following result obtained: For issuing the bonds, 248 votes; against issuing the bonds, 43 votes. These bonds were then issued and accepted by the creditors of the town. And thus the matter was finally amicably settled. The payment of the remaining portion of the debt continued each year and the last payment was made in the year 1909.

Chapter 11

TORNADOES

IN the history of Mount Morris is recorded the occurrence of three tornadoes, one passing directly over the village on the morning of June 8, 1874, the second devastating a path of destruction across the southeast corner of the township on the evening of May 18, 1898. The third occurred on May 9, 1918, and came dangerously near to the town. Fortunately no lives were lost in any of the three tornadoes, although considerable property was destroyed on all three occasions.

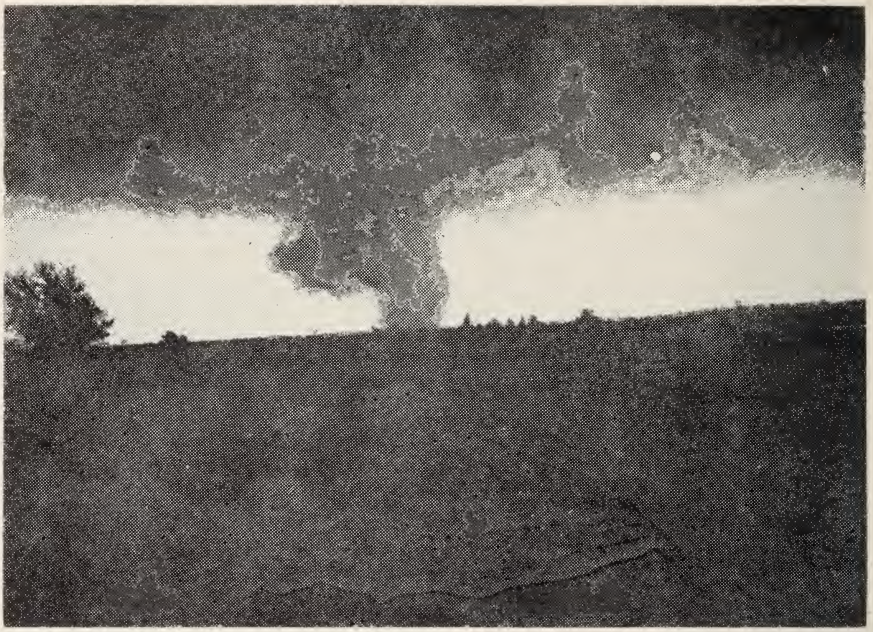
TORNADO OF JUNE 8, 1874

This "twister" passed as nearly through the exact center of the village as would be possible from the fact that the college campus lay immediately in its path, the roof of the large stone dormitory being partly carried away. Concerning this tornado the following newspaper writeup was sent to the *Ogle County Grange* for publication by some resident of Mount Morris, and appeared in that paper. It gives a good idea of the storm:

"About five o'clock this morning two great black clouds, one from the east and one from the west, were seen approaching. Over the northwest portion of Mount Morris they met and spread devastation far and wide. For about ten minutes there was a terrible roaring of wind and crashing of trees and houses. Then followed the calm. Citizens hurried together from all quarters. S. Mumma's stables were completely wrecked. The pieces were scattered in every direction, some even passing through the siding and plastering of the houses of adjoining residents. The horses and a yard full of stock escaped unhurt. The harnesses were carried across the garden and rolled in the mud. One new buggy was torn in pieces and much fruit destroyed. Sidney Redfield's house was staved in and carried clear off its foundation. His wife was severely injured but the baby was dragged unhurt from under a pile of debris. Peter Glasgow's house was completely riddled by flying fence-boards and other missles; stove broken into bits, barn destroyed, the garden deprived of its fence, and many fruit trees blown down. Mr. James Withers lost one entire part of his house. Close by was the residence of Widow Weakle, the windows of which were broken, sash and glass. The raging storm next seized the residence of Elder Walker, now occupied by F. Black, and tore up his trees, demolished the barn and out-houses; ripped up the fence and sidewalk, sending one large timber through a window across a bed containing two men, and smashed into the partition on the other side. The occupants were some injured by the flying glass. One rocking-chair took a flying leap into the Seminary yard. Mrs. M. A. McKean lost half the roof of her house. The adjoining residence of Mrs. E. Crofts received but little damage, but the fruit trees were laid in all directions. Two large cherry trees standing close to the house were completely twisted off. Thence the storm swept over the Seminary tearing off the west half of the roof and scattering the debris over the principal street. It injured Seibert some, smashing in half the front of his billiard hall. The east end of D. Rine's agricultural house was lifted and moved around upon the foundation of Sprecher & Clevidence's new storehouse. In the southeast part of town the gable end of the brick residence of Widow McCoy was tumbled in upon nice furniture and fine carpets. The barn and out-buildings were severely racked. Both gable ends of the brick residence of E. Lott were thrown in upon the nicely-furnished rooms. One hundred apple trees and a barn were destroyed for A. Cunningham. The town residence of A. Q. Allen lost part of its roofing. The barn and fence of George Fouke were blown down. Such was the destruction wrought here in so short a time that no one had time to become frightened or be aware of the extent of the danger before it was all over. Then they found this part of the town to have been subjected to a terrible calamity. No lives were lost and none seriously hurt."

TORNADO OF MAY 18, 1898

The tornado of 1874 was a wonderful exhibition of the marvelous power which the winds are able to exercise, but compared with that terrible devas-

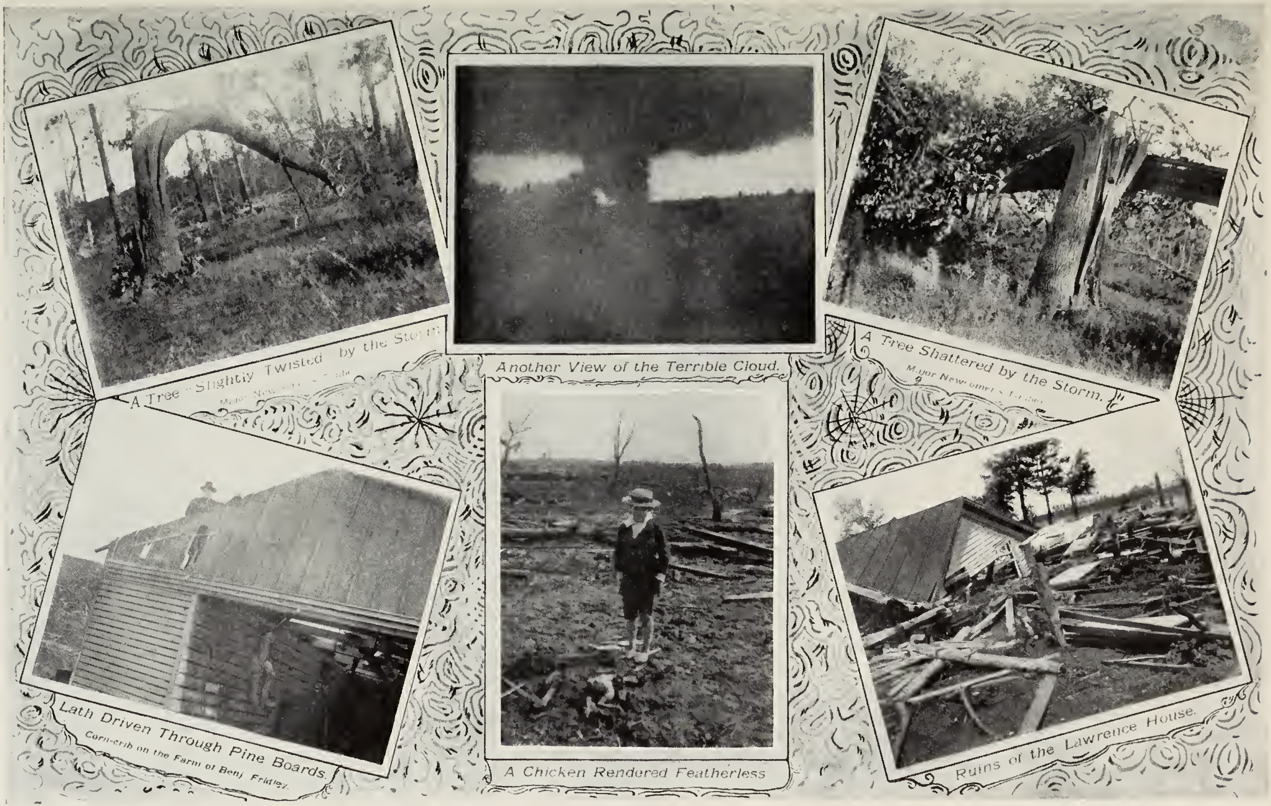


SNAPSHOT OF THE TERRIBLE TORNADO which passed south of Mount Morris on May 18, 1898. Prof. W. L. Eikenberry had the presence of mind to catch this remarkable snapshot.

tating cloud which hewed a path of destruction across Ogle County in 1898, it was a tame affair. All have a vivid remembrance of that 18th day of May. Those who had an opportunity of viewing the huge, black, revolving cloud and heard its sullen roar as it licked up every available object and whirled it into the terrible vortex above, grinding and mincing and scattering to the four winds, will never forget it.

During the afternoon of the day of the storm the appearance and maneuvers of the clouds were remarkable. At times far overhead could be seen light clouds floating lazily in one direction, while much farther beneath were blacker, heavier clouds moving in exactly the opposite direction, showing that there were two distinct layers of air. Fitful gusts of wind and short showers of rain and hail were frequent during the afternoon, but toward five o'clock the air became still and calm, and remained so for about an hour. The clouds were of inky blackness, sometimes of slightly different hues, and presented a most ominous appearance. Not a leaf was astir; the atmosphere became oppressive and breathing difficult. Between five and six o'clock persons out of doors detected a dull rumble coming from the southwest which at first was supposed to have been thunder, but the persistency of the sound and its gradual increase in volume soon attracted attention, and persons in the country and the south and west parts of town were appalled by the appearance and rapid approach of one of those funnel-shaped clouds, the identity of which was not long in doubt in the mind of anyone. The cloud continued to approach in a path apparently headed for Mount Morris, but when within about three miles from town could be seen to shift more to the southward, which was afterward proved by an examination of its path. This change carried the cloud about a mile south of town and it very soon receded in the distance, disappearing from view beyond Rock River.

Although this storm passed over only


A Tree Slightly Twisted by the Storm
Another View of the Terrible Cloud.
A Tree Shattered by the Storm.
Lath Driven Through Pine Boards.
Corn-crib on the Farm of Benj. Fridley.
A Chicken Rendered Featherless
Ruins of the Lawrence House.

SNAPSHOTS taken by Prof. W. L. EIKENBERRY showing some of the pranks played by the terrible tornado which crossed Ogle County, May 18, 1898.

DESTRUCTION WROUGHT on the D. E. Price farm, south of Mount Morris, occupied by Carlton Wolf, by the tornado of May 18, 1898.

a small corner of Mount Morris Township, it will probably not be out of place to trace its terrible work through a part of Buffalo, Pine Creek and Rockvale Townships, considering the fact that it came so near the village, and traversed a territory so familiar to Mount Morris people.

After leaving the vicinity of Polo the cloud encountered the G. E. Fahrney premises, about three miles west of Stratford, and demolished the residence, barn, and all the outbuildings, his farm machinery being destroyed and considerable stock killed and injured. The family escaped death in the cellar. The barn of the farm of Mr. Fahrney's mother, a little farther east, was in the track of the tornado, and was demolished. One mile east of Mr. Fahrney's premises the lawn trees at the residence of George Garnhart were uprooted, but the house and barn escaped with but slight damage. At this place a wing of the cloud swung to the southward and swept a path through about one-half mile north of Stratford, demolishing the barn on the Charles Hayes farm. The main body of the cloud crossed the farm of William Coffman, one mile northwest of Stratford and almost completely obliterated the fine residence and farm buildings, which covered nearly an acre of ground. The next day the place presented a desolate appearance, and was viewed by hundreds of people. Men were gathering up wounded pigs, calves, etc., in the barnyard, and eighty rods northeast of the house five horses were being buried that had been carried away with the barn. The inmates of the house had a narrow escape. They all went to the cellar except the hired man who had gone upstairs for his pocketbook, which was in his Sunday pants. While he was on the second floor the building was carried away and he was dashed to the ground with the falling timbers, receiving only a few scratches. He crawled out of the wreck and spied his pants hanging on a tree near by with the money safe. The family had taken refuge in the northwest corner of the cellar, where nothing injured them. A pitchfork and set of harness were dropped just in front of them but no heavy timbers fell near them. Had they taken refuge in any other part of the cellar the result might have been otherwise, as it was filled with the collapsed walls, and no one could have escaped.

From the Coffman farm the whirling monster passed north of George Clevidence's residence, and sweeping through his pasture field, killed a number of cattle and horses. It next encountered the tenant property of Charles Weller, which was occupied by Samuel Lawrence. The house was carried but a short distance from the foundation and demolished. Here the safe part of the cellar was the southeast corner, where the family had fortunately taken shelter. The remainder of the cellar was filled with timbers, stones and bricks; and a pig sty, which had occupied a position about fifty feet to the southeast, was picked up and dropped in upon the mass of rubbish. The corner sought by the family came also near proving a death trap, a large cookstove having landed upon the wall just over their heads. Had it been moved but a few feet farther they would have been crushed.

The next residence was that of Joseph Artz. A large barn, 24x64 feet was swept away, very little of it being left to mark the spot. The roof was taken off of the west side of the house and several corn cribs damaged. A new granary which stood about twenty rods west of the residence was demolished, and a new buggy and considerable farm machinery destroyed. Mr. Artz had a fine lawn, set with immense shade trees in which he had taken much pride. After the passage of the storm these large trees were found either uprooted or broken off and the beauty of the place sadly ruined. The roadway was completely blocked by the trunks of some of the trees carried from this yard.

One of the most peculiar sights along this route was the manner in which the buildings upon the farm of William Ambrose were handled. The residence was built of brick and stood on the brow of a hill about ten rods back from the road. The entire wall on the south side of this brick structure was drawn out, leaving the floors and rooms on that side exposed. All of the furniture was carried from one of the rooms on the second floor while another retained only the bedstead and springs, ready to receive again the bedding if it ever should be found. The large bank barn was entirely carried away except the lower floor and wall and machinery which was dropped on the south side and badly damaged. Leaving this scene of destruction the cloud passed near the farm of Charles D. Weller, one wing demolishing sheds, tearing doors from the barn and scattering his farm machinery over the surrounding country. A hay loader in one of the sheds was literally torn to pieces. Mr. Weller was the only man in that section who had his loss covered by tornado insurance.

The tornado crossed Pine Creek about five rods north of the Pine Creek bridge and entered the timber owned by William Watts and Oliver Coffman, doing serious damage. Trees were felled into the road from either side, completely blocking it, and a large amount of cord-wood ranked in the east part of the timber, south of the road, was scattered over the fields for half a mile to the eastward, as were also the rails from the fences along the road. Amos Baker and family fled to the fields upon the approach of the cloud and escaped its fury, as did also their house, although numerous trees were broken down. Across the road in the field a roll of fence wire weighing four hun-

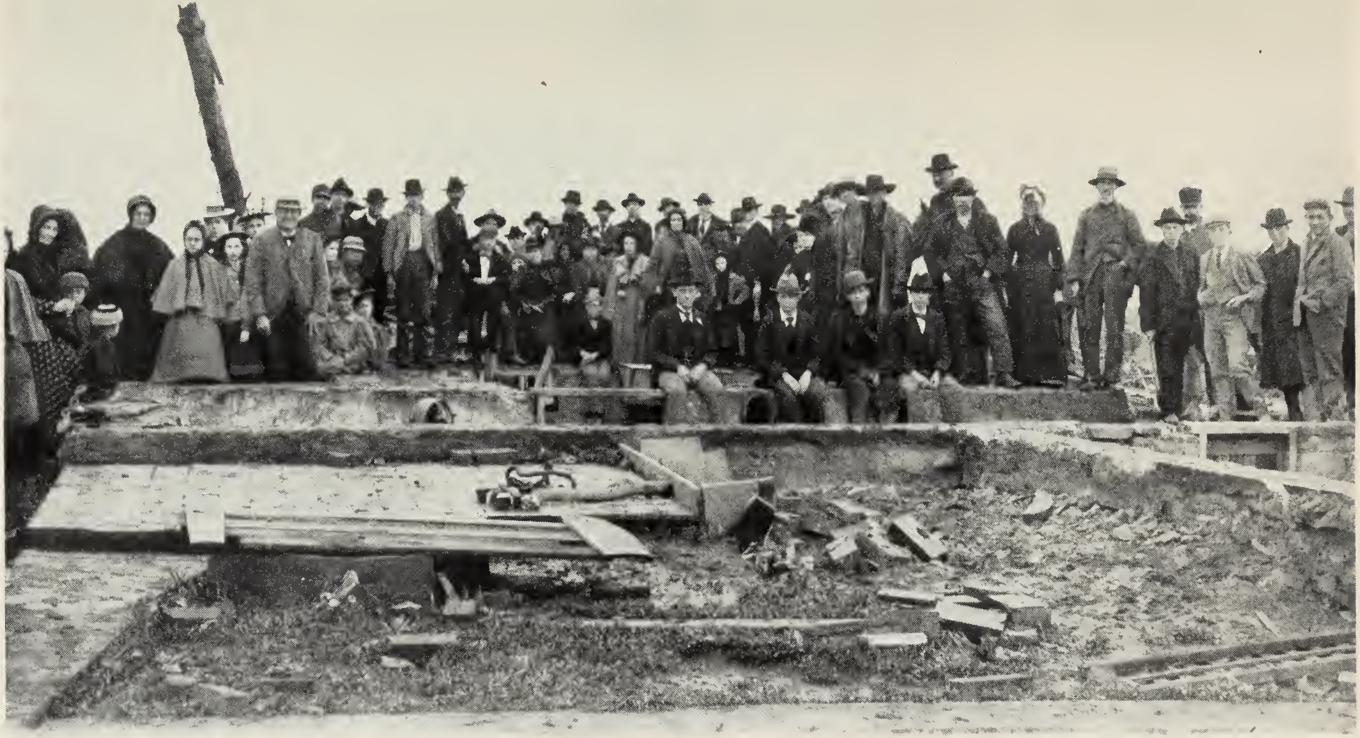
RUINS OF THE BARN on the Fridley farm, south of Mount Morris, by the tornado of May 18, 1898.

dred pounds was picked up and carried half a mile and then dropped in the outer course of the storm. A wing moved out south of the main body and did considerable damage on the Samuel Price farm. The Salem church escaped, although several rods of fence immediately north of the structure were demolished.

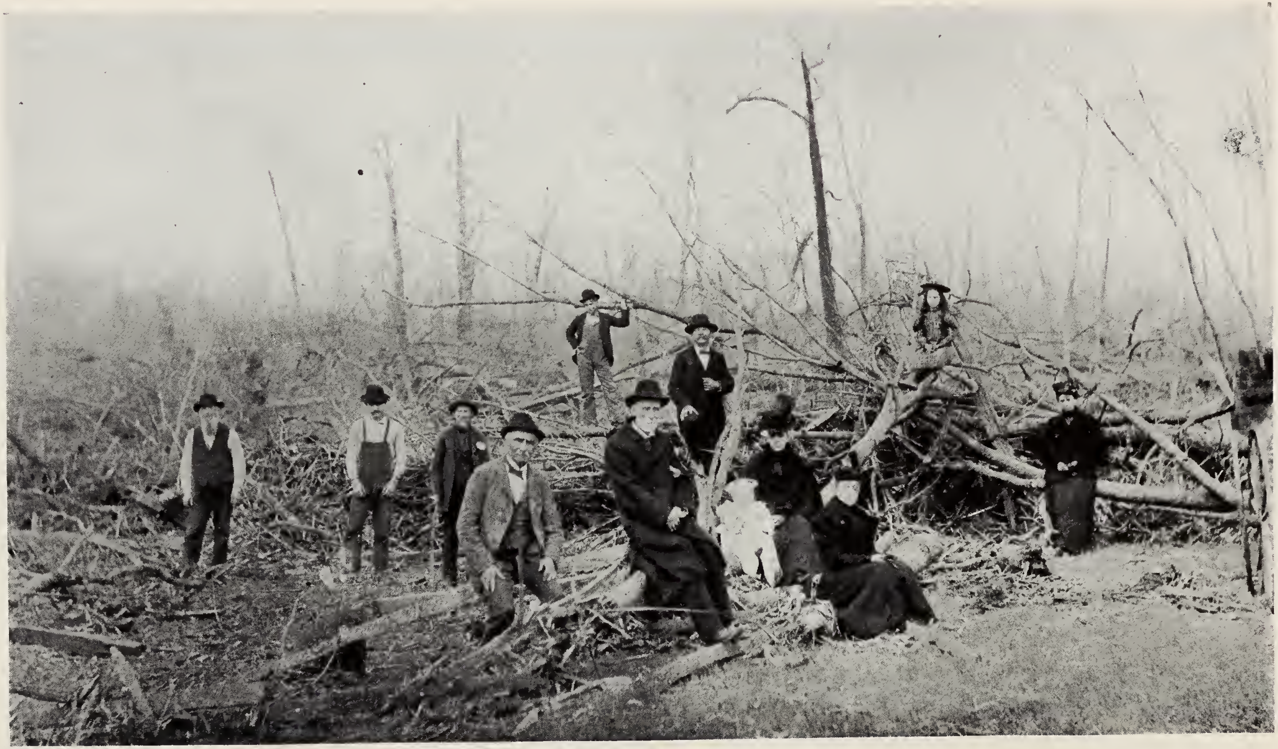
The tornado now appeared to gather new energy and swept across the open field north of the residence on the farm owned by Elder D. E. Price, unroofing the north part of the house and completely demolishing the barn. A large pine tree in the yard had part of its top mowed off as if cut to order. The barn was 34 by 56 feet with a granary 26 by 34 feet. Nearly 1000 bushels of oats and about 900 bushels of corn were stored in the barn and granary, but the greater part was saved, as the floors were not moved. The farm was occupied by Carlton Wolfe, who was a heavy loser in the storm. His binder, plows, corn planter, and other machinery were broken beyond repair and a number of cattle, horses and hogs were badly injured. One horse was carried fifty rods and afterward found with a piece of timber firmly imbedded in its back.

The residence of Benj. Fridley, about one and one-half miles south of Mount Morris, was the next place directly in the path of the tornado and there it was that the terrified residents of the village first closely inspected the awful work of the storm. The house, barn and every out-building were so completely swept away that nothing was left to indicate the former abode of the family save the cellar walls, an old battered fence and the mud-plastered stumps of several trees which had stood in the yard. So complete was the ruin that the mind could scarcely be forced to believe the truth, presented before one's very eyes. Excepting a few splintered boards and planks scattered near the foundation and in the field to the eastward, hardly a vestage of the house and its furnishings could be found. It would seem that the great bulk of the material used in the construction of the buildings could have been found, at least within a radius of a mile, but such was not the case; it was evidently carried into the vortex of the mighty whirlwind, churned into a million atoms and strewn along the path of destruction for many miles. At this place occurred the first injury to human life along the path described. Mr. Fridley, his daughters, Mattie and Bessie, and sons, John and Benj., decended to the cellar at the approach of the cloud, but John, the eldest son, left the cellar to investigate and was caught by the storm on the south side of the house. He seized hold of a tree, and in some miraculous manner succeeded in clinging to it until the fearful disturbance had passed, nothwithstanding the fact that the tree was broken off not far above his head and the bark skinned off of the stump nearly to the ground. He was exceedingly fortunate that he escaped with his life and as it was, he had one leg broken, and sustained numerous severe bruises caused by being struck by flying missiles. The others of the family who remained in the cellar were only slightly injured by flying debris, Mr. Fridley being bruised the most. Here there were many curious sights, such as chickens with every feather blown off running about as if to escape the kettle, and animals with pieces of boards driven into them. The path of the storm both west and east of the Fridley place presented a most remarkable aspect, because of the thoroughness with which all fences and vegetation were swept away and the clear definition of its limits, shown by the thick slimy mud with which everything remaining was covered.

The old Fridley place, along the railroad, occupied by Jacob Bonar next was visited by the funnel-shaped cloud, and although the house was unharmed the huge bank barn was left in a heap of ruins. Mrs. Bonar, and her brother, David Hedrick, were milking in the barn at the time, but both escaped without serious injury. Mr. Bonar lost much valuable farm machinery. At this place there were further evidences of the terrible force of the storm. Pine sticks, some of them not more than a quarter of an inch thick, were driven through inch boards in the gable of the corn crib, and the steel wind-mill tower



THE FINE COUNTRY HOME of Benjamin Fridley, south of Mount Morris, was completely demolished and carried away by the tornado of May 18, 1898. Nothing was left but the foundation as shown above. Members of the family who took refuge in the cellar were only slightly injured, but John E. Fridley who clung to a tree in front of the house, suffered a broken leg and other injuries. The large crowd of people shown in this picture gathered shortly after the storm and many can be recognized as Mount Morris citizens.



THIS HEAVY TIMBER east of Mount Morris, belonging to Maj. Chas. Newcomer, was completely demolished by the tornado of May 18, 1898. Those shown in the picture are, from left to right: William Samsel, Bruce Samsel, Oliver Beard, Chas. Newcomer, Floyd Knodle (standing at rear), Samuel Knodle, Buchanan Canode, Mrs. Cora Knodle, Ella Winders, Vera Canode (perched in tree), and Mrs. Buchanan Canode.

twisted to the ground as though it were but a stock of grain.

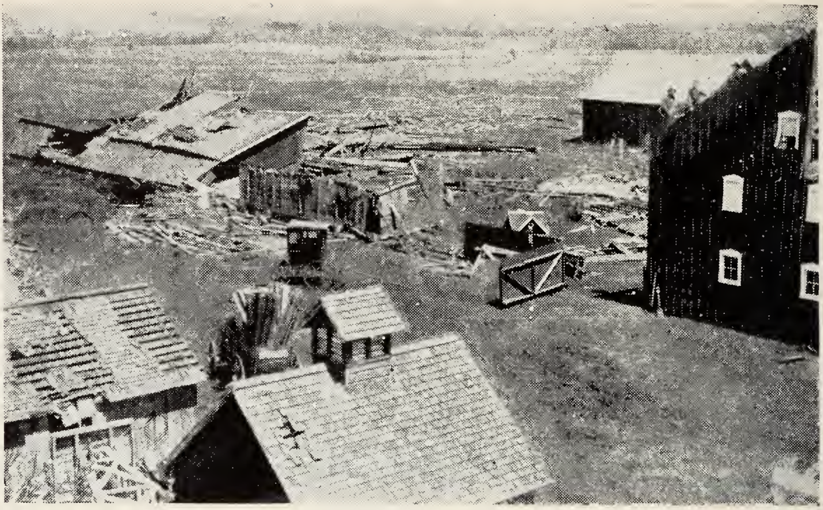
On John Fridley's farm the barn was unroofed and the sides partly demolished. The shingles were blown off a part of the house roof, but otherwise the house escaped unharmed. From this point the storm widened to nearly a mile, one wing reaching as far east as Andrew Fridley's place, overturning out-buildings and mangling the orchard trees. At David Fridley's farm, the summer kitchen was carried away, a part of the barn unroofed and the windmill thrown over. As a result of the cloud's visit to the premises of Andrew Gigous, the house had almost to be rebuilt and many demolished outbuildings replaced. A cornplanter left standing in the field was missing after the storm and not a trace of it was ever found.

The farm owned by the Thomas brothers on the Mount Morris-Oregon road was next devastated, but the damage was slight. The main body of the cloud passed to the northward through the timber on the old Phelps farm, owned by Major Chas. Newcomer, and again at this place the spectators of the day following had occasion to open their mouths and eyes in wonder. Every tree was badly mutilated, the most of them, both large and small, being either broken off, twisted down or uprooted. Past the timber the small Martin home was obliterated, and that of J. Wareham handled almost as roughly. Farther on, a number of buildings on the farm of Harvey Griswold were destroyed and the cloud then passed on to Rock River. In passing over the high bluff on the west side, the dancing pavilion erected on the crest by a Chicago club, was rolled down the slope and deposited in the road beneath. Persons living near say that vast volumes of water were drawn up into the cloud as it passed over the river, and undoubtedly the stream was very much disturbed.

After crossing the river suffice it to say that the tornado continued on its destructive course to Stillman Valley where much damage was done and a number of lives lost.

After the cloud had passed by Mount Morris to the eastward, the citizens of Mount Morris, realizing from the appearance and terrible roar of the storm that much mischief must have been done, hastened without delay to the nearest part of the path which was at the former location of the Fridley residence. During the remainder of the evening and far into the night and

RESULT OF TORNADO of May 9, 1918, at the farm home of John D. Miller, just outside the southern corporate limits of Mount Morris. Two barns were completely destroyed on the same farm.



RUINS ON THE HARVEY GRISWOLD farm, northeast of Mount Morris, as a result of the tornado of May 9, 1918.

during several succeeding days hundreds of people visited the scene, and many followed along the entire path. It was certainly a most remarkable exhibition of what the elements are capable of, and the people of Mount Morris were fortunate that the tornado changed its course, otherwise the loss of life and destruction of property would have been terrific.

TORNADO OF MAY 9, 1918

TWENTY years after that devastating tornado of May 18, 1898, Mount Morris was visited by another twister, this time about a half mile closer to town. It occurred on Thursday, May 9, 1918, and travelled in a northeasterly direction and just missed Mount Morris on the south. If this tornado had veered a half mile farther to the north, the amount of ruin and death in the town would have been appalling. As it was, no one was injured, but considerable stock was killed and many buildings damaged or wrecked. As the tornado approached Mount Morris, it struck the farm of Henry Deeter, southwest of town, and destroyed all of the farm buildings except the house. A path was torn through the timber on the Coffman and Watts farms, and at the McClure farm, just south of town, the end of the barn was blown out, and the windmill wrecked, while the large shade trees were uprooted or broken down. Farther along, the windmill and silo on the farm of Walter Koontz were blown down and two head of cattle killed. A little farther down the road, at the farm of John D. Miller, both of his barns were destroyed and part of the house wrecked. A short distance farther on, the large barn and implement house at the experimental station was completely demolished. On the Lohafer farm, just east of town, the large barn was destroyed and thirteen cattle killed. Three miles northeast of town, on the farm of Harvey Griswold, the tornado swooped down and demolished most of his barns and outbuildings. It then passed on in the direction of Byron.

Chapter 12

CEMETERIES

THE VILLAGE of Mount Morris has two cemeteries, one known as the Plainview Cemetery or the "Old Cemetery," situated in the southwest corner of the corporation, and the other, Oakwood Cemetery, nearly a mile west of the corporation limit.

Plainview Cemetery contains about five acres, and like most of the remainder of the land now covered by the village, was at one time the property of Rock River Seminary. The seminary authorities set it aside and donated the ground to the community for a public cemetery.

This cemetery was consecrated on the 2nd of February, 1842, when the first burial took place—that of a little child, the daughter of Captain Nathaniel Swingley. The words of consecration were pronounced by Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, as follows: "Here is our Machpelah, the entrance gate through which we pass the subterraneous road to heaven. Here the rich and the poor meet on a level. Today Mary Eliza, sweet morning flower, retires from all the ills of life, and takes possession first. Followed by the aged and the young, soon shall we see the willow and the epitaph tacitly saying: 'See where she sleeps.' Here in peace shall rest the teacher and the student, the minister and his hearers, relatives and their friends, whose graves shall be approached in after times by bereaved, weeping friends, saying in the language of Scripture, 'Where have they laid him?' Then from the polished marble erected where we now stand shall come the response: 'Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' "

This cemetery is situated on rather low ground, and for many years was not in good condition. It is said that often men were stationed at a newly-made grave, to bail out the water, which flowed in from the saturated soil, so that when the funeral procession arrived at the grave, the interment would not seem so much like a burial at sea. This condition was remedied later when the land was thoroughly tiled and an excellent drainage system thereby effected.

Plainview Cemetery is the property of no individuals, stock company, or corporation, but is what might be called public property of the community. It being public property in that sense, there was naturally no one in authority and as a consequence, when people died and were buried there, no record of any kind was kept of it other than what can now be obtained from inscriptions on the tombstones. A great many are to be found marking graves of Mount Morris citizens who died during the fifties and sixties, but stones bearing dates earlier than 1850 are not very plentiful, those remaining being small and discolored by age.

The lack of a record of the burials in this cemetery makes it difficult to determine accurately the number of bodies now lying buried within the limits of the grounds. Many bodies were removed to Oakwood Cemetery, and doubtless many graves are unmarked. It is probable, however, that over 500 bodies have been buried there.

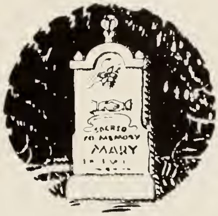
When improvements of any kind were found necessary at the cemetery, the funds had to be raised by subscription. With no officers of any kind, work of this sort was often sorely neglected. Finally, however, a number of people who had relatives buried there, came together and formed an association, elected officers and proceeded to conduct the affairs of the cemetery in a business-like manner. A sum of money was gathered together, with which, besides other improvements, N. E. Buser was engaged to properly survey and plot the cemetery. Since that time the affairs of the cemetery have been handled systematically.

The cemetery is at present in very good condition but most burials are now made in the new cemetery west of town. The present officers and directors of Plainview Cemetery are Frank Baker, president; Harry Longman, vice-president; Mrs. Elva Cripe, sec.-treas., Fred Long, Katherine Miller, Viola Findley, Harry Sprecher, Fred Watts, Minerva Dickenson, Nelson Bruner, members of the board.

Because of the fact that no definite record was kept in the early days of burials made in Plainview Cemetery, the only way to secure a fairly accurate list was to go to the cemetery and copy the names and dates from the headstones. This has been done but in many cases the elements have almost entirely obliterated the lettering from some of the gravestones. Doubtless in the early days there were many burials where no gravestones were erected and the graves entirely lost sight of.

However, the following list is as complete as it is possible to make it, although this list does not include the names of infants. The names are listed in the order in which the burials were made:

Jacob Ziegler	Nov., 1843
John Mertz	1844
Louis Haller	Oct., 1845
John Fear	March, 1845
Susan McNutt	March, 1845
Cynthia Ann Neff	April, 1845
J. C. Robinson	June, 1845
Catharine Yontz	Aug., 1845
William Moats	Sept., 1845
Clarissa Robinson	May, 1846
Ann Maria Wolgamalis	July, 1846
Ruanna Mumma	Oct., 1846
Charles Haller	Dec., 1846
Julia A. Hays	April, 1847
Mary Adams	March, 1848
James Coffman	April, 1848
Susannah Hanes	Feb., 1849
Margaret Glasgow	March, 1849
Robert H. Wilson	May, 1849
David Wachtel	Sept., 1849
Jacob Knodle	Jan., 1850
Elizabeth Hays	May, 1850
John Stuart	May, 1850
Sarah Blair	Sept., 1850
Sarah Ann Funk	Jan., 1851
Matilda Hamilton	Jan., 1851
Jones Palmer	Nov., 1851
David Hess	Dec., 1851
Clara Minick	1851
Christiana Price	Jan., 1852
Michael Swingley	Jan., 1852
Mary Danel	March, 1852
Susan Beebe	April, 1852
Elizabeth Parmer	Aug., 1852
John Price	Nov., 1852
Daniel Coffman	Oct., 1852
Livonia Carroli	March, 1853
John Ankeney	June, 1853
George Joseph	Aug., 1853
Rev. Spencer Mattison	Nov., 1853
James B. McCoy	1853
Louisa Murphy	Jan., 1854
George Hanna	July, 1854
Elecat Crofts	Aug., 1854
Susan Isenhart	Sept., 1854
Mary Catharine Cook	Oct., 1854
H. Donaldson	Oct., 1854
Louisa Tozer	Jan., 1855
William Davis	Oct., 1855
Margaret McNutt	Oct., 1855
Melinda Powell	Oct., 1855
Anna Davis	Dec., 1855
Mary Emma Duke	Jan., 1856
Catharine Newcomer	March, 1856
Mary Eugenia Mattison	March, 1856
Susanah Ludy	June, 1856
Catharine Togkey	Aug., 1856
Mary Hill	Aug., 1856
Susan Malone	Jan., 1857
Mary Crawford	Feb., 1857
Sarah Newcomer	May, 1857
Isabella Heller	July, 1857
Ann M. Knodle	Dec., 1857
William H. Fouke	Feb., 1858
Elizabeth Hedrick	April, 1858
Mary Ann McNutt	Nov., 1859
Margaret Hedrick	Jan., 1859
Michael Stonebraker	Oct., 1859
Mrs. D. Palmer	Jan., 1860
Eliza Palmer	Jan., 1860
Mrs. C. Alden	April, 1860
Elcy Waggoner	June, 1860
Salinda Cohoes	1860
Margaret Gaffin	July, 1861
Rachel Ann Watts	July, 1861
Mary Petrie	Jan., 1862
Barbara Sprecher	March, 1862
Velara Sprecher	Dec., 1862
John M. Smith	Jan., 1863
Eleanor Miller	March, 1863
Eli Thompson	June, 1863
Henry Thomas	July, 1863
Annie E. Barnett	Oct., 1863
Mary Dean	Nov., 1863
Lias Adams	Nov., 1863
Elizabeth Grubb	Jan., 1864
John H. Wilson	March, 1864
Catharine Thomas	March, 1864
David Coffman	April, 1864
A. Hedrick	Dec., 1864
Thomas Haller	1864
John Winders	1864
Eliza McDoneld	March, 1866
Annie E. Allen	April, 1866
Eliza Sprecher	July, 1866



Memoriam

AGAINST the eternal silence of a tomb, even cold hard stone seems eloquent:

"I was cut from a block of snow-white marble. An Easter lily was carved on my face; an urn upon summit.

"I was purchased by a broken-hearted young man who gave a price for my beauty which he could scarcely afford.

"Beneath me lies the body of his young bride, laid there many years ago, and all this time I have held her name up to the my world.

"Not so long ago they laid a worn body beside her; old, beaten by life—from wandering here and yon in search of a love that knows no second mating—ever trying to fill the empty void with fads and hobbies and travel.

"People called his life a failure. Over him they placed an inexpensive wedge-shaped granite block and on it simply the name of the young man who purchased me.

"Flecks of gray-green moss mar my surface, cracks are upon my edges. The winds and rains of years have worn shallow the beloved name upon my breast, yet unwavering I stand, white against the bright June grass, piercing the soft blue cloud-flecked sky—man's pathetic link 'twixt earth and heaven. But no one now even stops to read her name.

"Many years will come and go, yet shall I stand and keep my vigil—yes—until, like the snowdrifts by a roadside, time shall melt even me to a shapeless form."

Written by Maud McClure while collecting material for this book in Plainview Cemetery. The stone referred to is over the grave of her Uncle Robert Allen's wife.

Nancy Coffman	Aug., 1866
Susan Coffman	Sept., 1866
Ann Coffman	Nov., 1866
Catharine Routzan	Dec., 1866
Mariah J. Wagner	Jan., 1867
Alvira Williams	July, 1867
Lucius Smith	Oct., 1867
Charles Funk	July, 1868
Ann Hedrick	July, 1868
Anna McCreery	Aug., 1868
Katharine Skinner	Aug., 1868
Isaac Crawford	Jan., 1869
Maria Wagner	Jan., 1869
Henry Waggoner	March, 1869
Volney Smith	April, 1869
Hadassah Sprecher	June, 1869
David Yeakle	Sept., 1869
James B. Webb	1869
Mary Swingley	Feb., 1870
David W. Pike	March, 1870
Ann Myrts	Sept., 1870
Mary Ellen Stuart	Oct., 1870
Hugh Linn	1870
James B. McCoy	Jan., 1871
Cyrus Wilson	March, 1871
William Hedges	Aug., 1871
Sarah Powell	Aug., 1871
Mazy Dick	Oct., 1871
Mary Gloss	Nov., 1871
Albertye DeVrize	Dec., 1871
John Fish	Aug., 1872
Joel Newcomer	Sept., 1872
John Stanger	Oct., 1872
Susan Weller	Dec., 1872
Mary Ann Fish	Jan., 1873
Jesse Kelley	May, 1873
Eva Ann Hedges	June, 1873
Mary Hedges	June, 1873
W. C. Grubb	July, 1873
Susan Watts	Oct., 1873
Nancy Avey	Jan., 1874
Lucy Harris	Jan., 1874
N. Mattison	April, 1874
Louisa Long	April, 1874
John Startzman	May, 1874
Cathrine Ziegler	Oct., 1874
Samuel Hedges	Dec., 1874
Ellen Glasgow	Feb., 1875
Wm. Sprecher	Feb., 1875
John Swingley	April, 1875
Eliza Newcomer	April, 1875
Emma Easton	July, 1875
Mary Allen	Oct., 1875
Laura Jones	Nov., 1875
Elizabeth White	Jan., 1876
Benjamin Hedges	Oct., 1876
Mahala Chapline	Nov., 1876
Daniel Castle	1876
Maria Hedrick	Jan., 1877
Peter Knodle	March, 1877
Lucetta Hedges	May, 1877
Ann McAnly	July, 1877
John Jones	Oct., 1877
Norman Allsip	Nov., 1877
Mary J. Hedrick	Nov., 1877
Anna Skinner	Jan., 1878
Mary A. McCoy	Feb., 1878
Milton Neff	July, 1878
John Bear	July, 1878
Sarah Thompson	Dec., 1878
Cordelia Gloss	Feb., 1879
Catharine Sprecher	Feb., 1879
Walter B. McCoy	March, 1879
Elizabeth Malone	Jan., 1880
Sarah Coffman	Jan., 1880
William Hamilton	April, 1880
Ruben O'Dell	July, 1880
Mary Worland	Oct., 1880
Edward Davis	Nov., 1880
Samuel Henry	1880
I. Frederic Whitman	1880
Leander Skinner	April, 1881
Phillip Sprecher	Sept., 1881
Samuel Powell	Jan., 1882
Daniel Palmer	1882
Calvin Coffman	May, 1883
Rose Davis	Dec., 1883
Mary Sprecher	March, 1884
Franklin Hedrick	April, 1884
Elizabeth Fridley	June, 1884
David Gloss	June, 1884
Abraham Gaffin	July, 1884
Andrew Newcomer	May, 1885
Jennett Blair	Dec., 1885
Mary Ellen Smice	Jan., 1886
Isaac H. Allen	May, 1886
Wm. F. Fish	May, 1886
Lucinda Wetsel	Sept., 1886
Wm. J. Skinner	1886
Peter Glasgow	March, 1887
Emily Leek	March, 1887
Susan Miller	March, 1887
Henry Neff	June, 1887
Amelia McNett	Jan., 1888
John Watts	Feb., 1888
Benjamin Myers	April, 1888
Daniel Sprecher	May, 1888
William Startzman	June, 1888
Matilda Bopp	Oct., 1888
Wm. L. Gohoes	1888
John Startzman	Jan., 1889
David F. Miller	June, 1889
Amelia Canode	Dec., 1889
Samuel Coffman	Nov., 1889
Edmund Coffman	Nov., 1889
Jeneta Kinsey	Dec., 1889
William H. McCoy	May, 1890
W. S. Blair	July, 1890
Mary H. Harmon	July, 1890
Samuel Hanes	Oct., 1890
Mary Davis	March, 1891
Susan Shank	Jan., 1892
Charlotte Sheets	May, 1892
Caroline Webb	1892
Luther J. Broganier	Oct., 1892
Samuel Baker	1892
Joseph Miller	April, 1893
George Shank	April, 1893
Bartholomew McNett	April, 1893
Ellen Knodle	July, 1893
Mary S. Leek	July, 1893
Indiana Neff	May, 1894
Jacob Rice	1894
James McCoy	1894
Eva Allen	May, 1895
William Hays	June, 1895
Nellie Lookabaugh	1895
Benjamin Hedrick	July, 1896
Stephen Steck	Aug., 1896
Lewis Hedrick	Aug., 1896
John C. Coffman	Dec., 1896
Clayton Baldwin	1896
Sarah Henry	1896
Katharine Coffman	Feb., 1897
David Miller	July, 1897
Solomon Davis	Oct., 1897

Paton Skinner	1897
Ann Amelia Watts	Feb., 1898
Elizabeth Wales	June, 1898
Fred Baker	Nov., 1898
Carrie Slaughter	Dec., 1898
Mina Crossen	1898
Paline Gausline	Jan., 1899
Henry Thompson	Jan., 1899
Mrs. Mary Strock	Jan., 1899
Mrs. C. Unger	Jan., 1899
William Watts	Feb., 1899
Mary Starry	July, 1899
Mrs. C. Startzman	Feb., 1900
Frisby Watts	March, 1900
George Fouke	April, 1900
George W. Shank	May, 1900
Ida Whitmere	June, 1900
May Stewart	Oct., 1900
W. J. Fouke	Nov., 1900
Robert Allen	Dec., 1900
William Castle	1900
Margarett Knodle	Feb., 1901
Esther Cowan	March, 1901
Charlie Weller	April, 1901
David Newcomer	Aug., 1901
Helen Doward	Sept., 1901
Nancy Kinsy	Dec., 1901
Elizabeth Spahr	Jan., 1902
Martha Elizabeth Artz	Feb., 1902
John Weller	Feb., 1902
Lizzie Stanger	March, 1902
William Sheets	Sept., 1902
Jacob Waters	1902
Malinda Clapper	March, 1903
John T. Kanode	April, 1903
Anne Maria Malone	July, 1903
Stephen Adams	Aug., 1903
Elizabeth Bear	1903
John Harmon	March, 1904
Eliza Longman	May, 1904
Joseph Watts	July, 1904
Melissa Rine	Aug., 1904
Nancy Watts	Aug., 1904
Henry Knodle	Dec., 1904
Mary Hanes	Dec., 1904
Barbara Imhoof	1904
Katherine Shopbell	1904
Lydia Shumway	1904
John Bowman	March, 1905
Catharine Eversole	May, 1905
Joseph Baker	1905
Mary Lizear	Feb., 1906
Anne Whitman	April, 1906
Cecelia Fridley	Oct., 1906
Thomas Peal	1906
C. H. Unger	1906
A. E. Canode	Jan., 1907
Catherine Weller	March, 1907
Winnie Doward	May, 1907
Carrie Blair	1907
E. F. Corning	1907
Sarah Weller	Feb., 1908
George Davis	Sept., 1908
Russell Blair	1908
Barbara Hershey	July, 1909
James B. McCoy	1909
Susan Heminger	Jan., 1910
Catherine Nye	March, 1910
Josofina Kindlund	April, 1910
Lovinah Brogunier	May, 1910
Theodore Bruner	Aug., 1910
Lydia Miller	Aug., 1910
John Fridley	Dec., 1910

Sarah Baker	1910
Mary Welty Coffman	1910
Ruth Peal	1910
Susan Ridenour	1910
Isabell M. Adams	Jan., 1911
Rebecca Davis	Feb., 1911
Sarah J. Coggins	May, 1911
Nancy Burger	1911
John Sprecher	1911
Thomas Wressell	1911
Chas. Ruhsamen	1911
Milton McAnly	April, 1912
Daniel Hershey	July, 1912
Elenor C. Hedges	Nov., 1912
Ann Elizabeth Rice	1912
Josiah Slifer	1912
Ella Green	April, 1913
Daniel Eversole	Aug., 1913
A. S. McCoy	Aug., 1913
William Nalley	Oct., 1913
George Ellot Coffman	April, 1914
Sarah Kanode	April, 1914
Douglas Eversole	Dec., 1914
Jacob Craley	1914
John Longman	Dec., 1915
David D. Culler	1915
Hestera Henry	1915
Kate Bear	April, 1916
William Withers	May, 1916
Elizabeth Kemper	1916
Christena Beck	1916
F. P. Ellicott	1916
Fred Bearman	May, 1917
Elijah Glasgow	Aug., 1917
William Ridenour	1917
Frederick D. Fouke	1917
Andrew J. Long	Jan., 1918
Amanda Barnhart	April, 1918
Isaac Bear	May, 1919
John Henry	May, 1919
Delos J. Forrester	Oct., 1919
Ivey Buser	Nov., 1919
Mary Waters	Nov., 1919
Alydia Sprecher	1919
Stotton Hoffman	Jan., 1920
Melchor S. Newcomer	Feb., 1920
Ann A. Craley	March, 1920
Mary Eliza Newcomer	May, 1920
Henry B. Fahrney	June, 1920
Mary Elizabeth Spielman	May, 1920
John Heflebower	July, 1920
Ludwick Clapper	Oct., 1920
Lewis Wallace	Oct., 1920
John Spahr	April, 1920
Theodore Rudy	Jan., 1921
Anna Spielman	Dec., 1921
George T. Watts	Dec., 1922
James Henry	Jan., 1923
John Wakenight	Feb., 1923
Daisy Kemp Lane	April, 1923
Annorah Doward	March, 1924
Milmon Tice	March, 1924
Amanda Barnhart	April, 1924
James F. Watts	Jan., 1925
Julia Baker	March, 1925
Fred B. Smice	April, 1925
Mary Hays	Sept., 1925
Alfred Paul	Sept., 1925
James H. Akins	Nov., 1925
Blanch Glasgow	Nov., 1926
Sarah Fouke	1926
Mary McCoy	March, 1927
Emanuel Holsinger	May, 1927

Mary Etta Dean	July, 1927
Anna Spielman	1927
Robert Crosby	Dec., 1927
Albert M. Baker	March, 1928
Laura Virginia Swift	March, 1928
David S. Cripe	June, 1928
Daniel Ridenour	June, 1928
Daniel Shoop	July, 1928
Emanuel Newcomer	Oct., 1928
Harry Wakenight	Jan., 1929
Ida Bearman	Feb., 1929
Mary S. Fahrney	April, 1929
Mary E. Forrister	Aug., 1929
Melvin Spielman	Sept., 1929
Cecil Royal Miller	Dec., 1929
Mary Alice Rudy	Dec., 1929
Albert Lookabaugh	Dec., 1929
George W. Cowan	June, 1930
Elizabeth E. Cowan	June, 1930
William Ira Freeman	June, 1930
Emma McCready	July, 1930
Nellie Baker	Nov., 1930
Mary Coggins Crosby	Oct., 1930
David B. Craley	Jan., 1931
Herold P. Lizer	Jan., 1931
Lillian Viola Baker	March, 1931
Benjamin F. Canode	June, 1931
W. P. Lighty	June, 1931
Constance Trogerson	July, 1931
William G. Freeman	Oct., 1931
Susan Wakenight	Nov., 1931
John C. Snyder	Dec., 1931
Grace Newcomer	Feb., 1932
Anna Virginia Hanawalt	March, 1932
John Craley	April, 1932
Mary Wallace	June, 1932
Charles D. Porter	Dec., 1932
Mary E. Canode	Jan., 1933
Benjamin R. Rine	Feb., 1933
Martha Burk	Feb., 1933
Eliza Ellicott	April, 1933
William R. Rice	June, 1933
Sue Brogunier	July, 1933
Francis W. Hanawalt	Nov., 1933
Frances A. Stevens	Jan., 1934
Martha Ann Watts	April, 1934
William M. Blair	May, 1934
Mary A. Watts	May, 1934
Sarah A. Nalley	June, 1934
Daniel H. Unger	Sept., 1934
Magdalene Sprecher	Sept., 1934
Samuel N. Mullen	April, 1935
Edith Lehmann	July, 1935
William Gaspard	Sept. 1935
Eldridge E. Rice	Oct., 1935
W. H. Hedges	Oct., 1935
Willoughby Puterbaugh	Dec., 1935
Lillie Belle Coffman	March, 1936
Daniel Minnick	July, 1936
Mary Delilah Lookabaugh	Sept., 1936
Elizabeth Susan Miller	Sept. 1936
Jesse Bond McCoy	Sept. 1936
Phillip Corning	Dec., 1936
Carey L. Blair	Dec., 1936
Mary A. Akins	April, 1937
Margaret E. Nalley	April, 1937
Francis V. Freeman	Aug., 1937
Nelson W. Neiman	Sept., 1937
Fred Rice	Oct., 1937
J. Franklin Light	Dec., 1937
Emily Smith	Feb., 1938
Elizabeth E. Fouke	March, 1938

OAKWOOD CEMETERY

BEFORE Plainview Cemetery was tiled, many Mount Morris people were dissatisfied with it as a burying ground, and finally in the year 1875 a movement was set on foot for the establishment of a second cemetery. In December of that year, John W. Hitt, David Newcomer, Samuel Lookabaugh, Oliver H. Swingley and John Sprecher applied to the Secretary of State for a license to form a corporation making the following statement of their purposes:

1. The name of such corporation is "The Mount Morris Cemetery Association."
2. The object for which it is formed is to purchase a suitable lot or tract of land in the Township of Mount Morris, in the County of Ogle, and State of Illinois, and to use the same as a burial ground for the dead.
3. The capital stock shall be two thousand dollars ($2,000), with the privilege of increasing the same to ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or less.
4. The amount of each share shall be ten dollars ($10).
5. The number of shares two hundred (200) with the privilege of increasing to ten hundred (1,000) or less.
6. The location of the principal office is in Mount Morris, in the County of Ogle, and the State of Illinois.
7. The duration of the corporation shall be ninety-nine (99) years.

Books of subscription were opened after the license had been secured and the stock all readily taken by thirty-nine of the most prominent people of Mount Morris. John W. Hitt took forty-eight shares; D. J. Pinckney, ten shares; and the majority of the remainder, five shares each. The directors elected were O. H. Swingley and John W. Hitt, one year; David Newcomer and John Sharer, two years; Samuel Lookabaugh and Francis W. Stonebraker, three years. The present site of Oakwood Cemetery was finally selected, it being a tract of timber land along the south side of the road, one mile west of Mount Morris, containing fifteen acres, for which was paid the sum of $150 per acre.

This new cemetery was surveyed into regular blocks and lots and put into fine shape. It has since been given the best of care by the association and is a credit to the community. The present officers of the association are Ed. Mumma, president; Robert Hough, secretary-treasurer; Benj. Rowe and Oliver Watts, members of the board; Wm. Peacock, superintendent of the cemetery, and Ed. Shoop, sexton.

The records of Oakwood Cemetery have been kept very carefully from the beginning and no burials have been made without a permit. The following is a list of the adults buried in the cemetery together with the dates of death. In this list are about fifty persons who died previous to 1875. These were doubtless moved from Plainview Cemetery after Oakwood Cemetery was opened.

Name	*Date of Death*	*Age*
Elizabeth Brayton	Aug. 25, 1842	18
Sarah Sharp	Feb. 23, 1846	45
Samuel Newcomer	June, 1849	49
Daniel Brayton	June 30, 1850	58
John Craddock	July 28, 1850	53
Albert C. Newcomer	Aug. 20, 1852	
Thomas Smith Hitt	Sept. 23, 1852	54
Lydia Petrie	Oct. 24, 1852	
Elizabeth Petrie	June 4, 1853	28
Cornelia E. Sharer	Sept. 22, 1853	30
Jonathan Knodle	July 15, 1854	59
Ernest W. Brayton	June 27, 1855	10
(Killed in sawmill)		
Electa V. M. Hitt	Nov. 10, 1855	29
George W. Hitt	Aug. 2, 1856	22
Hanora V. E. Withers	Oct. 7, 1856	19
Robert G. Meck	Oct. 27, 1856	38
(Accidental death in mill)		
David Rine	July 6, 1859	63
Samuel M. Hitt	Nov. 16, 1859	60
Lucy Ann Alden	April 19, 1860	36
John Sharer	Dec. 28, 1860	77
Ruth A. Newcomer	Oct. 1, 1861	
Ann E. Motter	May 21, 1862	73
John Page	Oct. 9, 1863	28
Ann Brayton	March 30, 1864	77
Edgar E. Wagoner	Nov., 1864	10
Elizabeth Detrich	Nov. 16, 1864	68
Jacob Sharer	June 7, 1865	58
Amelia Craddock	July 31, 1865	56
Sarah Jane Trapp	Sept. 5, 1867	38
John V. Stonebraker	July 30, 1868	10
(Killed in accident)		
Henry F. Newcomer	Sept. 30. 1868	
Hiram T. Shaw	April 28, 1869	20
(Accidental death, drowning)		
Abraham Felker	Sept. 4, 1869	67
Charlotte Deter	Oct. 12, 1869	51
Alfred E. Stroh	Oct. 29, 1870	27
Henry F. Newcomer	Jan. 7, 1871	55
Catharine Hershey	Nov. 10, 1871	87
Francis Asbury McNeill	Feb. 3, 1872	62
Jacob B. Motter	Feb. 18, 1872	86
Mary F. Conaway	Feb. 19, 1872	33
Ella A. Cheney	Feb. 27, 1872	14
Mary Knodle	May 1, 1872	46
Josie H. Cheney	Oct. 8, 1872	18
Rosalie D. Newcomer	Nov. 11, 1872	44
Anna Rine	May 10, 1875	65
Anna Rice	Jan. 13, 1878	17
Joseph E. Hitt	July 28, 1878	42
(Died from wound received in army)		
Lizzie May French	Sept. 11, 1878	14
Dr. Benj. G. Stephens	Jan. 10, 1879	59
Chloe A. Cheney	March 22, 1879	67
Mary E. Black	April 4, 1879	57
William T. Thomas	April 28, 1879	24
Mary C. Rice	Oct. 11, 1879	14
Caroline C. Thomas	Jan. 30, 1880	60
Thomas W. Withers	Feb. 12, 1880	78
Catharine Felker	Feb. 29, 1880	66
Elizabeth Atchison	April 15, 1880	73
David R. Wingert	April 18, 1880	63
Henry H. Newcomer	April 24, 1880	44
John F. Stanger	Sept. 12, 1880	81
Laura Ellen Stewart	Dec. 13, 1880	46
John A. Miller	Nov. 1, 1880	67
Emily Hitt	March 1, 1881	69
Jacob Keedy	March 15, 1881	84
Susan Keedy	May 27, 1881	79
Barbara Knodle	July 2, 1881	85
Mary J. Long	July 15, 1881	40
Elizabeth J. Glasgow	Nov. 7, 1881	42
Sarah A. Newcomer	Jan. 17, 1882	80
John Granger	Feb. 2, 1882	62
Maria Greenfield	Feb. 13, 1882	83
Jonathan Knodle	Sept. 25, 1882	56
Francis J. Miller	Oct. 21, 1882	22
John McCosh	Oct. 23, 1882	32
William Johnson Gibbs	Dec. 3, 1882	74
Benj. F. Withers	Dec. 25, 1882	29
Mary V. Knodle	Jan. 17, 1883	55
Aaron Quinby Allen	Jan. 24, 1883	68
Ida Belle Cheney	March 17, 1883	25
John McCosh	March 19, 1883	59
Daniel J. Pinckney	June 17, 1883	65
Daniel W. Stonebraker	July 15, 1883	22
(Accidental death, drowning)		
Ida Butt	July 26, 1883	33
Sarah Gibbs	Feb. 1, 1884	72
Joshua Thomas	March 18, 1884	73
John Donaldson	Oct. 30, 1884	63
Elizabeth Withers	Jan. 14, 1885	73
Charlotte L. Brayton	May 9, 1885	64
Sibyl Sammis Hitt	May 28, 1885	45
Charles E. Windle	Aug. 24, 1885	19
(Accidental death, traction engine)		
Maria Louisa Miller	Sept. 25, 1886	54
Lewellyn R. Stonebraker	May 5, 1887	11
Gertrude Tice	June 12, 1887	16
Frederick G. Petrie	July 11, 1887	68
Franklin P. Withers	Nov. 4, 1887	
(Accidental death, poison)		
Henry Withers	Nov. 4, 1887	72
Jacob Long	Jan. 29, 1888	63
Burris C. Withers	March 20, 1888	15
Calvin A. Potter	June 23, 1888	50
Benj. F. Mumma	July 5, 1888	38
Daniel S. Mumma	Sept. 10, 1888	70
James W. Woltz	May 26, 1889	72
Willard P. Knodle	June 5, 1889	10
Philoma C. Stonebraker	Aug. 29, 1899	59
Barbara Hershey Hitt	Feb. 2. 1890	84
Henry J. Farwell	April 2, 1890	69
Blanch E. Thomas	June 9, 1890	11
John Craddock	July 12, 1890	50
Elias Williams	Oct. 6, 1890	67
Charlotte Wolf	March 16, 1891	38
Elizabeth Keedy	April 30, 1891	58
Howard McCoy	Jan. 10, 1892	11
Sarah A. Sharer	June 6, 1892	58

Peter Knodle, Aug. 3, 1892	70
William Wolf, Oct. 14, 1892	
Alice Crowell, Oct. 13, 1892	34
Chas. Merryman, Nov. 21, 1892	
Appolonia Hilger, Dec. 9, 1892	70
Hiram Motter, Jan. 8, 1893	76
Minnie M. Fager, May 24, 1893	32
Stephen H. Cheney, Jan. 4, 1894	81
Robert S. Hitt, April 18, 1894	65
Olive M. Hiestand, Aug. 21, 1894	13
Ann Mary Mumma, Oct. 13, 1894	67
Elizabeth Stroh, Nov. 16, 1894	86
Alice Rice Newcomer, Dec. 14, 1894	22
Mary Miles, Feb. 23, 1895	85
Daniel H. Smith, May 20, 1895	64
Eldridge W. Smith, May 28, 1895	23
(Accidental death, cause unknown)	
Hezekiah T. Knight, Dec. 6, 1895	89
Amelia Sharer, Dec. 17, 1895	88
Eugenia E. Blake, Jan. 26, 1896	37
Cyrus B. Newcomer, March 17, 1896	67
Frank N. Tice, July 25, 1896	68
Emma Bell Thomas, Nov. 14, 1896	15
Daniel Thomas, 1896	67
Rev. Nicholas J. Stroh, Jan. 1, 1897	98
Eliza Jane Thomas, Feb. 5, 1897	41
Isaac Rice, May 3, 1897	70
Edward Keedy, March 1, 1897	68
Daniel B. Keedy, March 10, 1897	37
Edith Augusta Hitt, April 4, 1897	24
Jacob H. Mumma, Oct. 4, 1897	72
Francis W. Baker, Nov. 10, 1897	10
Willard L. Pond, Nov. 28, 1897	81
Frederick B. Brayton, Dec. 10, 1897	79
Rebecca Potter, 1897	84
Mary M. Johnson, Feb. 4, 1898	18
Louisa A. Woltz, Apr. 10, 1898	76
Emma E. Withers, April 18, 1898	55
Adolphus R. Long, May 6, 1898	59
(Accidental death, poison)	
Abram Thomas, Aug. 28, 1898	79
Katherine J. King, Jan. 6, 1899	13
Jennie F. Keplinger, Mar. 28, 1899	25
Andrew M. Hitt, May 2, 1899	72
William S. Blake, June 7, 1899	78
Samuel Lookabaugh, Sept. 4, 1899	72
Catherine Row, Nov. 7, 1899	69
Elizabeth Swingley Allen, Mar. 19, 1900	77
Henrietta King, Sept. 25, 1900	74
David Newcomer, Oct. 19, 1900	70
Martha Thomas, Nov. 13, 1900	51
Catherine Rice, Dec. 26, 1900	103
Eliza Rine, Jan. 18, 1901	
Henry H. Clevidence, Jan. 26, 1901	65
Cicely Franklin, Mar. 26, 1901	25
Emeline Lenox Shaw, March 30, 1901	75
John D. Lookabaugh, May 28, 1901	45
(Accidental death, railroad)	
Catherine Keplinger, August 8, 1901	83
Gertrude Fager, April 10, 1902	13
Irvin T. Stevens, Sept. 8, 1902	26
Peter Funk, Sept. 11, 1902	84
Robert D. McClure, Feb. 5, 1903	57
Olin M. Thomas, Mar. 1, 1903	30
Maud K. Dickey, Mar. 31, 1903	27
Upton Miller, Apr. 8, 1903	75
Christian Reynolds, July 27, 1903	29
Elizabeth Myers, Sept. 17, 1903	72
Priscilla Sharer, Oct. 6, 1903	
Jacob A. Knodle, Oct. 24, 1903	80
David A. Jackson, Nov. 19, 1903	77
Catherine S. Blake, Dec. 22, 1903	79
Elizabeth M. Shryock, Feb. 9, 1904	68
Daniel Rice, March 8, 1904	81
Ann Rebecca Stouffer, Mar. 29, 1904	44
Samuel Knodle, April 2, 1904	76
Rachel Lookabaugh, April 27, 1904	76
Luella C. Potter, May 20, 1904	26
John T. Stewart, June 4, 1904	75
Maomi Mumma, Sept. 25, 1904	83
Franklin F. Newcomer, Nov. 14, 1904	49
Samuel F. Stonebraker, Dec. 14, 1904	33
Thos. M. Heistand, Jan. 20, 1905	52
George Sigler, Jan. 7, 1905	75
Franklin W. Black, Jan. 29, 1905	86
Alfred R. Binkley, Feb. 28, 1905	58
Henry Sharer, Mar. 5, 1905	87
Guy Blake, Apr. 11, 1905	23
Margaret A. Ankeney, May 3, 1905	58
Charles R. Easton, Mar. 20, 1905	17
Margaret C. Pinckney, June 4, 1905	80
John Merryman, July 2, 1905	63
James L. Mumma, Feb. 8, 1906	63
Henry E. Newcomer, March 7, 1906	35
Mary Ellen McCoy, May 11, 1906	67
Samuel E. Stine, May 19, 1906	42
Michael E. Miller, June 12, 1906	65
Allie E. Kable, Aug. 2, 1906	31
Mary E. Pond, Sept. 11, 1906	82
Robert R. Hitt, Sept. 20, 1906	72
Francis W. Stonebraker, Nov. 10, 1906	73
Anna Pearl Jones, Dec. 7, 1906	20
(Accidental death, burns)	
Ada May Kohl, Jan. 3, 1907	25
Anna V. Downs, Jan. 30, 1907	68
Nelson T. Potter, April 2, 1907	76
Ann Elizabeth Sprecher, May 1, 1907	54
Ferdinand King, July 19, 1907	80
Charles Newcomer, Aug. 11, 1907	
Ann Virginia Withers, Oct. 17, 1907	50
Joseph Wagner, Jan. 14, 1908	81
Millard F. Thomas, Feb. 23, 1908	51
Benj. F. Ridenour, Feb. 29, 1908	24
E. Augusta Swingley, Mar. 13, 1908	64
John C. Granger, April 3, 1908	42
Samuel Merritt Hitt, May 10, 1908	40
Benj. K. Shryock, July 10, 1908	82
Ethel A. Weaver, Dec. 1, 1908	21
Roulette Lookabaugh, May 16, 1909	19
(Accidental death, gunshot wound)	
Rev. James M. Rees, July 2, 1909	72
L. Alma Newcomer, Aug. 18, 1909	52
Hiram D. Felker, Nov. 30, 1909	74
Harold Byron Watts, Dec. 20, 1909	11
Mrs. Irvin Carr, Dec. 23, 1909	49
Benjamin F. Tracy, Jan. 14, 1910	64
Ida Mae Baker, March 1, 1910	29
Thomas J. Avey, March 31, 1910	73
Vina Granger, April 27, 1910	31
Sophia Wolf, May 10, 1910	59
Amanada Ellen Grove, June 10, 1910	65
Martin H. Avey, Aug. 4, 1910	80
Eliza Rice, Aug. 22, 1910	89
M. T. Rohrer, Jan. 13, 1911	83
John Hitt, Apr. 29, 1911	78
Lavina Williams, May 2, 1911	77
Nellie M. Thomas, May 24, 1911	26
Margaret Newcomer, July 5, 1911	66
Susan F. Thomas, July 12, 1911	78
Mollie Kate Beard, July 14, 1911	44
Emily A. Neff, July 30, 1911	58
Lydia A. Myers, Aug. 11, 1911	35
Ralph Edwin Allen, Aug. 12, 1911	13
Florence B. Gloss, Oct. 14, 1911	54
William Lohafer, Dec. 31, 1911	73
Samuel P. Mumma, Oct. 17, 1912	68
Eliza Jane Thomas, Jan. 17, 1913	64
Frederick Peiper, Feb. 24, 1913	37

ROBERT ROBERTS HITT
BORN JANUARY 16, 1834
DIED SEPTEMBER 20, 1906

MONUMENT IN OAKWOOD CEMETERY marking the grave of Hon. Robert R. Hitt who died September 20, 1906. The remains of his father, Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, and his mother, Emily John Hitt, are buried in the same lot.

Nathaniel A. Ankney, April 9, 1913	79
Mary Windle, May 2, 1913	69
Edith Alice Tice, May 30, 1913	30
Burt Holland, Aug. 18, 1913	
Susan Wagner, Dec. 24, 1913	82
Charles Miles, Feb. 22, 1914	72
Anna M. Zumdahl, Feb. 23, 1914	47
Peter Householder, March 14, 1914	78
Charles H. Stone, March 16, 1914	47
Richard Shaw, March 31, 1914	91
James V. Tucker, April 4, 1914	29
Jacob Craley, June 10, 1914	78
Franc Bain, June 13, 1914	22
Rosa Brubaker Hanstine, June 14, 1914	30
Sarah Donaldson, June 16, 1914	
Aida Neff Trask, July 13, 1914	
Hiram Rowe, August 10, 1914	84
Ruth Middlekauff, Aug. 20, 1914	13
A. M. Newcomer, Aug. 21, 1914	66
Daniel Plum, Sept., 1914	
Homer N. Withers, Oct. 25, 1914	45
Tasmond McDonald, Nov. 14, 1914	64
Lewis Miller, Dec. 21, 1914	62
Thomas Miller, Dec. 29, 1914	51
Abram B. Diehl, Jan. 8, 1915	67
Charles D. Smith, Jan. 19, 1915	
Mahala Farwell, Jan. 22, 1915	89
Jacob Withers, March 6, 1915	73
Henry L. Smith, March 8, 1915	84
Edward Paul, April 5, 1915	42
Barbara McNeill, April 28, 1915	
Mrs. M. T. Rohrer, June 12, 1915	86
Barbara Potter, June 16, 1915	76
John Stewart, Nov. 22, 1915	

John Seyster, Dec. 5, 1915	
Mary Newcomer, Dec. 15, 1915	
Samuel Middour, Jan. 22, 1916	80
Charlotte McNeel, March 20, 1916	
Ann Rebecca Gimple, May, 1916	80
William Withers, May 4, 1916	
Dena Mary Olson, May 18, 1916	57
William H. Thomas, Aug. 1916	
John Tice, Nov. 17, 1916	
Elizabeth McCosh, Nov. 10, 1916	90
Barbara Rice, Nov. 23, 1916	
Lillie Highbarger, Dec. 11, 1916	
Mary E. Sprecher, Dec. 30, 1916	72
Catherine E. Tice, Jan. 25, 1917	86
Wm. Hough, Feb. 19, 1917	68
Kittie Floy Price, May 2, 1917	
Jacob E. Raney, May 15, 1917	63
Clara Merryman, Oct. 5, 1917	66
Richard A. Long, Nov., 1917	43
(Accidental death, railroad)	
Jonathan Heistand, Feb. 6, 1918	75
Benj. Ridenour, Feb. 24, 1918	78
Samuel M. Grim, Feb. 27, 1918	70
Carlton Emmert Wolfe, March 15, 1918	60
Ellen Stevens, March 25, 1918	
Susie Keedy, April 1, 1918	
David Middour, April 9, 1918	71
Samuel M. French, May 4, 1918	38
Melinda French, May 8, 1918	74
Frank Coffman, May 22, 1918	49
Edward E. Dohlen, July 4, 1918	13
(Accidental death, drowning)	
Robert Kirby, Aug. 8, 1918	55
(Accidental death, fractured skull)	
Edward E. Allen, Oct. 10, 1918	30
Claude H. Smith, Oct. 22, 1918	28
Abraham Weaver, Oct., 1918	79
Edna C. McNeel, Nov. 6, 1918	36
Raymond G. Beard, Nov. 7, 1918	22
Mayme Thomas, March, 1919	
Hannah Knodle, April, 1919	82
Susan Wynn, April 20, 1919	
Elizabeth Ann Kable, May 7, 1919	67
Sarah Smith, May 19, 1919	84
John A. Kable, Oct. 1, 1919	72
Ellen Dresbach, Oct. 11, 1919	79
Thomas O. Watts, Oct., 1919	68
William Watts, Nov., 1919	59
Harm Dohlen, Jan. 13, 1920	
Tevilia Miller, Jan. 18, 1920	61
George Windle, Jan. 31, 1920	78
Edwin J. Allen, Feb. 15, 1920	63
Maude L. Crawford, March 14, 1920	37
David Wolfe, March 28, 1920	69
Fred Zumdahl, April 4, 1920	62
Emily Watts, May 7, 1920	54
Merritt W. Pinckney, June 7, 1920	60
Edward F. Baker, July 30, 1920	71
Ann Elizabeth Winders, Aug. 25, 1920	87
Mrs. Robert Toole, Nov., 1920	
Alice Row, Dec. 26, 1920	68
Carrie Blake, Jan. 26, 1921	35
Elizabeth Newcomer, March 7, 1921	80
Mary E. Rudy, March 13, 1921	44
Mary Knodle, May 2, 1921	85
Susan Ridenour, May 6, 1921	86
Mrs. Levi Shirk, May 6, 1921	78
Samuel Rowe, May 9, 1921	68
D. L. Miller, June 7, 1921	
O. H. Swingley, June 17, 1921	80
Robert Patterson, July 9, 1921	70
Sarah Heistand Rice, July 18, 1921	85
Mary Hess, July 22, 1921	78
George H. Myers, Oct., 1921	56
George S. Cheney, Oct., 1921	74
Wm. Northrup Gilbert, Dec., 1921	71
Arthur W. Brayton, Jan. 19, 1922	75
John E. McCoy, Jan. 26, 1922	80
Frances Crawford, March 13, 1922	79
Abner Finney, March 28, 1922	74
Clegget Felker Tice, March 28, 1922	70
Fred S. Withers, March 30, 1922	45
James Withers, July, 1922	79
John H. Swingley, July 22, 1922	81
William H. Keedy, July 26, 1922	55
John J. Sharer, Aug. 2, 1922	74
Charles C. Pinckney, Aug. 8, 1922	76
Myrtle E. Miller, Aug. 28, 1922	56
Anna C. Rowe, Nov. 11, 1922	67
Maurice Avey, Dec. 1, 1922	16
John Holland, Dec. 20, 1922	
Lewis McDonald, Dec. 23, 1922	
Eliza Ann Cloyd, Feb. 13, 1922	84
Sophia Mumma, Feb. 15, 1923	74
William Stewart, March, 1923	65
Mrs. C. E. Tice, March 3, 1923	70
Chris A. Zumdahl, March 17, 1923	72
Willis Mumma, April 27, 1923	52
John P. Hand, May, 1923	73
Howard Keedy, Oct., 1923	61
Frank Smith, Nov. 25, 1923	35
Walter L. Stage, Nov. 30, 1923	40
Ida B. Baker, Dec. 5, 1923	73
Fannie Watts, Dec. 25, 1923	50
(Accidental death, result of burns)	
Mrs. Simon Dunne, 1924	
Orville M. Baker, Jan., 1924	29
William H. Rowe, Jan. 29, 1924	73
Henry Haney, Feb. 2, 1924	55
Catherine K. Miller, Feb. 22, 1924	86
Mary E. Davis, Feb. 28, 1924	78
William W. Hanes, March, 1924	62
Jonathan Rebman, March 15, 1924	69
H. C. Clark, April 8, 1924	76
Philip T. Sprecher, April 19, 1924	77
Simon Dunne, May 9, 1924	
Joseph Jaivor, May 24, 1924	57
Paul Clover, June 11, 1924	24
Ella Miller, June 17, 1924	
Frank Thomas, July, 1924	
William F. Wagner, July 6, 1924	50
Daniel Emmert, August 1, 1924	73
Donald Myers, Sept. 25. 1924	22
Amos Baker, Oct. 24, 1924	74
Levi Shirk, Nov., 1924	86
Laura Heistand, Dec. 17, 1924	78
Joseph H. Rock, Dec. 20, 1924	56
Ann Brinker, Jan. 12, 1925	65
Mrs. W. W. Hanes, Jan. 27, 1925	
Carl Wagner, Feb. 6, 1925	35
Margaret Granger, Feb. 13, 1925	
John Miller, March, 1925	
John French, March 23, 1925	87
Charles Crawford, April 1, 1925	
Henry Frawert, April 21, 1925	
John G. Dohlen, May 16, 1925	67
William Rieken, June 7, 1925	43
Martha Holland, July 13, 1925	70
Earl Ridenour, Aug. 1, 1925	36
(Accidental death)	
Edith Alter, Aug. 3, 1925	
Victoria Watts, Aug. 22, 1925	66
Laura Binckley, Sept. 17, 1925	75
Charles H. Allen, Dec. 9, 1925	79
Fannie Stevens, July, 1926	
J. O. Thomas, Jan., 1926	79
Eli G. Withers, Jan. 13, 1926	89
Addison W. Neff, Jan. 16, 1926	78

John H. Myers, Feb. 10, 1926	90
Mary Rees, March 6, 1926	
Roy E. Long, May 3, 1926	48
(Accidental death, railroad)	
Julia Beard, May 10, 1926	89
Anna Long, May 19, 1926	95
Oliver J. Beard, June 17, 1926	90
Laura Granger Parish, Aug. 7, 1926	61
Viola McIlvainie, Sept. 10, 1926	56
Elvira Haak, Sept. 22, 1926	56
Saunders Bain, Oct. 10, 1926	74
Henry P. Smelcer, Oct. 16, 1926	31
Elizabeth T. Miller, Oct. 20, 1926	78
Daniel Granger, Nov. 7, 1926	63
John W. Wine, Dec. 25, 1926	52
Mrs. J. E. Withers, Jan. 2, 1927	68
Mary C. Sprecher, Jan. 25, 1927	68
Charles Stonebraker, Jan. 30, 1927	77
Margaret May Baker, Feb. 1, 1927	48
Henry L. Thomas, Feb. 3, 1927	88
Wm. C. Marshall, Feb. 13, 1927	73
Wm. A. Newcomer, Feb. 24, 1927	76
Mary Marshall, March 10, 1927	72
Martha Raney, March 17, 1927	64
Ann C. Miller, April 8, 1927	79
Josiah Middlekauff, April 17, 1927	83
Elizabeth McClure, May 25, 1927	72
George W. Chaffee, May 26, 1927	44
Alex Bain, June 23, 1927	43
Trientje Lohafer, June 25, 1927	84
William H. Miller, Aug. 22, 1927	77
Barbara Newcomer, Oct. 5, 1927	63
Martha Bausman, Jan. 7, 1928	77
Bruce L. Brayton, Feb. 28, 1928	48
O. W. Baker, March 30, 1928	77
Hubert Shaw, April, 1928	37
Amanda Easton, May 19, 1928	69
Lewis Sprecher, May 27, 1928	79
Daniel Ridenour, June 25, 1928	91
Henrietta Brunskill, Sept. 24, 1928	78
James C. Gibbs, Oct. 17, 1928	64
Elizabeth Miller, Oct. 24, 1928	80
Anton F. Pieper, Nov. 29, 1928	76
Charles W. McCready, Jan. 5, 1929	78
Dudley H. McCosh, Jan. 26, 1929	48
Charles E. Smith, Feb. 10, 1929	62
Emily Newcomer Rice, Apr. 7, 1929	57
Mary Stoner, May 12, 1929	80
Lottie R. Newcomer, May 14, 1929	75
George M. Satterfield. May 29, 1929	14
August H. Zumdahl, Aug. 3, 1929	62
Catherine S. Griffin, Sept. 24, 1929	90
Charles L. Potter, Sept. 26, 1929	52
Emma Rose Kanode, Nov. 11, 1929	63
Luella M. Wheeler, Jan. 27, 1930	78
Susie E. Bearman, Jan. 30, 1930	66
Fred A. Middlekauff, Apr. 19, 1930	71
Ellen Samsel, May 11, 1930	77
Florence E. Stephens, Aug. 29, 1930	80
Anna Swingley, Nov. 16, 1930	81
Raymond R. Stouffer, Nov. 25, 1930	30
(Suicide, gunshot wound)	
Mary C. Shaffstall, Nov. 30, 1930	71
Maria E. Hough, Dec. 11, 1930	80
Henry Garkey, Dec. 14, 1930	78
Frank Tice, Dec. 24, 1930	67
Vera A. Rees, Feb. 10. 1931	43
Grace Thomas, Feb. 25, 1931	57
Liddy Lena Zastrow, Mar. 10, 1931	32
Harvey B. Shoemaker, Mar. 12, 1931	36
Edward O. Dreibelbis, Mar. 16, 1931	54
Otto Hoffmeister, March 20, 1931	60
Louisa Mumma, Mar. 23, 1931	87
Anese Elizabeth Meeker, Mar. 31, 1931	71
Henry F. Lohafer, April 21, 1931	65
Albert V. Johnston, April 23, 1931	67
Joseph L. Rice, June 9, 1931	64
Norton W. Merrill, June 18, 1931	73
Elizabeth Zumdahl, July 11, 1931	68
Martha S. Watts, July 12, 1931	80
John H. Rice, July 13, 1931	71
Erwin J. Hough, July 24, 1931	23
Florence Watt, Sept. 16, 1931	44
Nellie I. Backman, Oct. 3, 1931	42
Cassius C. Crowell, Oct. 9, 1931	74
Maurine Shearer, Dec. 25, 1931	33
William P. Lohafer, Jan. 15, 1932	64
(Suicide, gunshot wound)	
Austin Middlekauff, April 19, 1932	69
(Suicide, gunshot wound)	
Mark R. Meader, May 14, 1932	17
William G. Lingle, May 24, 1932	77
Irma Tice, May 26, 1932	54
Charlott Ritson, May 28, 1932	50
Gertrude Grantham, July 14, 1932	51
(Killed in auto accident)	
Martha Duckworth, July 16, 1932	42
Naomi D. Ambrose, July 16, 1932	84
Elizabeth Buhs, July 20, 1932	55
Nelson Shirk, July 24, 1932	59
Dorothy Jean Horton, Sept. 11, 1932	17
Hazel Larinia Tice, Oct. 11, 1932	40
Lottie O. Hammann, Nov. 23, 1932	46
Mary Catherine Domer, Nov. 28, 1932	76
Dale Everett Miller, Nov. 9, 1932	43
Florence Saunders, Dec. 8, 1932	47
Hazel May Kielsmeier, Jan. 2, 1933	25
Horace Cloyde, Feb. 9, 1933	28
Mary Elenor Baker, Feb. 15, 1933	77
William C. Alter, Feb. 24, 1933	57
Mary J. Tracy, Apr. 12, 1933	74
Clifford A. Miller, June 1, 1933	44
(Fractured skull, accidental)	
Thena J. Long, July 28, 1933	68
Burton E. Tuttle, July 29, 1933	58
Clara A. Knodle, July 31, 1933	83
Sarah Grimm, Aug. 1, 1933	77
Jacob A. Middlekauff, Aug. 3, 1933	
Francis M. Highbarger, Aug. 29, 1933	80
George Ray, Sept. 12, 1933	58
William H. Easton, Oct. 6, 1933	54
(Accidental death, drowning)	
Luzella Rock, Nov. 2, 1933	60
Ray G. Smelcer, Jan. 24, 1934	20
(Accident, skull fracture)	
Nathaniel A. Watts, Feb. 6, 1934	80
Eva Pearl McGuffin, April 16, 1934	50
Herbert Holland, May 14, 1934	55
Joseph F. O'Hara, May 26, 1934	62
Louis E. Barkman, June 1, 1934	67
Mary E. Marvin, June 6, 1934	66
Charles E. Muller, July 23, 1934	24
(Accidental drowning)	
Howard Clevidence, Aug. 8, 1934	71
Harriet Middour, Aug. 9, 1934	91
Laura M. Tice, Aug. 17, 1934	79
Margaret Ann McNett, Aug. 18, 1934	87
Avis E. Tice, April 20, 1934	40
Willis G. Blake, Sept. 13, 1934	47
(Suicide, gunshot wound)	
Louis F. Beard, Sept. 16, 1934	65
William Ed. McCready, Sept. 25, 1934	89
Jacob G. Miller, Oct. 22, 1934	87
Elizabeth B. Hand, Nov. 1, 1934	85
Harold B. Gilbert, Nov. 9, 1934	53
(Killed in auto accident)	
Josephine S. Clark, Nov. 19, 1934	84

Royal O. Brown, Dec. 15, 1934	60
Gera Watts, Dec. 17, 1934	82
Gregor Thompson, Jan. 7, 1935	74
John H. McNett, Jan. 22, 1935	91
William Domer, Jan. 23, 1935	75
B. R. McName, Feb. 2, 1935	33
Abram H. Rittenhouse, Feb. 2, 1935	55
Anita F. Holsinger, Feb. 2, 1935	39
David E. Gimple, Feb. 9, 1935	59
Robert Potter, Feb. 10, 1935	59
Clayton G. Gloss, Feb. 28, 1935	53
Orin E. Snodgrass, Apr. 15, 1935	14
Frank Bearman, Apr. 25, 1935	66
Charles H. Sharer, May 19, 1935	75
Anna Newcomer, May 19, 1935	48
Mary Caroline Grady, May 23, 1935	61
Virgie A. Crowell, June 1, 1935	65
John Martin Ridenour, June 23, 1935	77
Nellie H. Walker, June 24, 1935	56
Samuel H. Sprecher, July 5, 1935	75
Ellen J. Baker, July 7, 1935	77
George E. Peacock, July 23, 1935	45
Nancy Ann Bain, Aug. 17, 1935	84
Walter J. Conklin, Aug. 28, 1935	28
George Scott Wissinger, Sept. 6, 1935	70
Maria Hitt Newcomer, Sept. 30, 1935	88
Maud A. McNett, Oct. 15, 1935	56
Ethel Mae Reynolds, Nov. 24, 1935	28
(Killed in auto accident)	
Jessie Viola James, Nov. 24, 1935	24
(Killed in auto accident)	
Mabel S. Haney, Nov. 25, 1935	68
William S. Holsinger, Dec. 3, 1935	80
Maude Leona Rice, Jan. 1, 1936	67
Caroline Pieper, Jan. 6, 1936	84
Cora Knodle, Jan. 7, 1936	76
Sybil Stiles, Jan. 8, 1936	76
James H. Stevens, Jan. 28, 1936	92
Lillie D. Clevidence, Feb. 8, 1936	65
Daniel L. Kees, April 30, 1936	67
Frieda Heinrich, May 25, 1936	74
Arlene Rohns, July 5, 1936	20
(Killed in auto accident)	
John H. Wagner, July 14, 1936	78
Tina Messer, July 14, 1936	64
Martha W. Miller, July 18, 1936	78
Charles F. Cushing, Aug. 13, 1936	47
Anna Elizabeth Hurd, Sept. 26, 1936	36
David S. McCosh, Oct. 31, 1936	88
John H. Miller, Dec. 3, 1936	70
Grace Plum, Dec. 21, 1936	82
Daniel Newcomer, Dec. 28, 1936	77
Anna Paul Windle, Jan. 25, 1937	53
Elma J. Peacock, Feb. 4, 1937	41
Charles G. Towns, Feb. 8, 1937	38
Jennie May Apple, Feb. 10, 1937	58
Freda Bruner, Feb. 22, 1937	32
Estella F. Middlekauff, April 11, 1937	84
Mary Terry, April 14, 1937	47
Anna K. Frey, April 20, 1937	73
Katherine M. Hoffman, April 23, 1937	76
Mary Catherine Bresler, June 11, 1937	86
Laura J. Newcomer, June 12, 1937	87
Clinton E. Price, July 10, 1937	82
Lena Gimple, July 16, 1937	56
Helen Elizabeth Zumdahl, July 21, 1937	83
Minnie L. Middlekauff, July 22, 1937	58
Daniel H. Blecker, Sept. 16, 1937	94
Lula I. Thomas, Oct. 8, 1937	58
Henry F. Schnulle, Oct. 22, 1937	73
Susan Elizabeth Miller, Nov. 3, 1937	83
Clarence D. Kochmeier, Nov. 14, 1937	20
(Accidental death, gunshot wound)	
Joseph C. Muller, Dec. 4, 1937	84
Glenn Barnhart, Dec. 5, 1937	33
(Suicide, gunshot wound)	
Margaret Barnhart, Dec. 5, 1937	19
(Murdered, shot by husband)	
Annie E. Wagner, Dec. 7, 1937	73
Thomas Whitelow, Dec. 15, 1937	
Susan M. Thomas, Dec. 20, 1937	98
Charles N. Beard, Jan. 8, 1938	74
Elizabeth Ann Blecker, Jan. 15, 1938	82
Daniel J. Sprecher, Feb. 3, 1938	84
Ruth Bennett, Feb. 12, 1938	11
Walter Leroy Cronk, Feb. 18, 1938	40
(Accidental death, cave in)	
Mary Alice Miles, March 22, 1938	87
Iva I. Kieffaber, April 6, 1938	59
Ida K. Shaw, May 15, 1938	77
Lydia Gorman, May 25, 1938	
Reuben S. Marshall, Aug. 2, 1938	56
Lucile E. McHenry, Aug. 14, 1938	43
John Phillips, Aug. 19, 1938	71

There are three other cemeteries in the vicinity of Mount Morris where quite a few Mount Morris people are buried. The old Rice Cemetery is located about three miles north of Mount Morris, but no burials have been made there for many years and a large number of bodies have been moved.

About four miles northeast of Mount Morris is the Silver Creek Cemetery adjacent to the Church of the Brethren. Quite a large number of deceased members of that denomination in Mount Morris are buried there.

The Salem Cemetery is located about three miles southeast of Mount Morris and is also a Brethren Church burial ground where a few Mount Morris members have been buried.

Chapter 13

WAR HISTORY

THE UNITED STATES is a peace-loving country and the great majority of her people are bitterly opposed to militarism and war, and yet within the comparatively short period of 100 years since the founding of Mount Morris, our country has been engaged in three wars, one bloody civil war and two wars with foreign nations. In all three of these conflicts, Mount Morris did her full share and as complete a record as possible is here presented of those who participated in these wars and the regiments to which they belonged.

THE CIVIL WAR

IN the year 1861, as every one knows, the United States was plunged into a long and bloody war—the South pitted against the North in terrific struggle, lasting over four long years. During this time President Lincoln made eleven separate calls for volunteers to help suppress the rebellion. Among the 3,339,748 men who responded to these calls were many loyal citizens from Mount Morris Township, who left their homes and families and risked their lives in the defense of their country's flag.

After the war, many veterans who had enlisted from other states and localities came to Mount Morris, and the following list includes all soldiers and sailors who either at one time or another lived in Mount Morris, regardless of whether they enlisted from here or not. This list is given in alphabetical order, together with the regiments and companies in which they served.

LIEUT. ISAAC ALLEN served in Co. D, 14th Ill. Cav. He was the son of Isaac and Mary Allen, and was born Feb. 11, 1816, in Howard County, Md. The family moved to Mount Morris in 1852. In 1840, he married Eveline Titlo, and there were five children: Jesse O., George Q., Chas. H., Mary and Clara O. He was an insurance agent and teacher. He died in 1886.

ADJ. GEO. Q. ALLEN, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

JESSE O. ALLEN, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

GEO. W. ANDERSON, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

MARTIN H. AVEY. Died 1910.

THOMAS J. AVEY served in Co. H., 34th Ill. Inf. He died March 31, 1910, aged nearly 73 years. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., in 1937, and came to Mount Morris in 1859. He married Laura J. Davis in 1867, and they had three children, Charles, Ferd H. and Solomon E. His first wife died in 1873, and he was married again to Laura Knodle, and three children were born, Edward, Mrs. Minnie Spielman and Mrs. Lula Rose. See picture on page 280.

JOSEPH T. BAKER, Co. K, 69th Ill. Inf. Died 1905. Picture on page 60.

ALFRED R. BINKLEY enlisted in 1864 in Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf., and served until the end of the war. He was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 13, 1847, and died Feb. 28, 1905, aged 58 years. He was the son of Daniel and Catherine (Weaver) Binkley and came to Ogle County when he was 16 years of age. He was married Feb. 12, 1878, to Laura V. Sprecher, daughter of Philip and Letha (Castle) Sprecher. Mrs. Binkley, due to her gracious ways, industry and economy, was a great aid to her husband during the 20 years he was engaged in business in Mount Morris. He purchased a restaurant in 1880 and gradually added a line of groceries. He continued for 15 years and then sold out to Jacob G. Miller. He started in the grocery business again in 1896 with Oliver Watts, but soon sold to

Mr. Watts. Again in 1899 he started in the same business which continued until his death in 1905. See picture on page 280.

FRANKLIN BLACK, Co. E, 4th Ill. Cav. Died 1905.

ISAAC BARNHIZER died Sept. 1, 1905, aged 65 years. He was born in 1840 in Pine Creek Township and lived all his life in Ogle County except 25 years spent in farming in Iowa. He served in Co. H, 34th Illinois Infantry, during four years of the Civil War. He married Susan Artz in 1867 and they had seven children. His first wife died and he was again married to Ann B. Hopewood, and they had three children.

OLIVER J. BEARD was born in Cavetown, Md., June 1, 1836, and died in Mount Morris June 17, 1926, aged 90 years. In 1862, he enlisted in Co. E, 2nd Maryland Infantry, and served until the close of the Civil War. He located in Mount Morris in 1890 where he lived until his death. In 1859 he married Julia Houser and they lived together for over 67 years, Mrs. Beard preceding him in death only five weeks. Eight children were born to them: Annie (Mrs. Frank Brinker), Daniel, Charles, William, Lewis, Belle (Mrs. S. E. Avey), George and Kate (Mrs. Chas. McIlvanie).

JUDD L. BOND, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

URIAH BRANTNER, Co. D, 142nd Ill. Inf. Picture on page 280

EDWIN BRICKNELL served in Co. A, 65th Ill. Inf. He died June 10, 1903, aged 66 years. He was born in Devonshire, England, in 1837, and came to Ogle County in 1851, where he engaged in farming. He married Lydia Miller in 1865, and they had nine children, including John, Ward, Lewis, Clinton, Charles, Jessie and Lillian. See picture on page 280.

B. F. BURGER, Co. G, 79th Pa. Inf. Died 1901.

SAMUEL R. BLAIR was born in Maryland Township, near Adeline, July 1, 1845, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 9, 1908, aged 62 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blair and the family moved to Mount Morris in 1850. The father was the owner of the well-known Blair Hotel. During the Civil War, Mr. Blair enlisted in Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf., serving from April, 1864, to the end of the war. In 1867, he was married to Carrie V. Fish and they had one child, William M. Mrs. Blair passed away in 1907.

THOMAS W. CARTER, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

CAPT. JAMES H. CARTWRIGHT, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

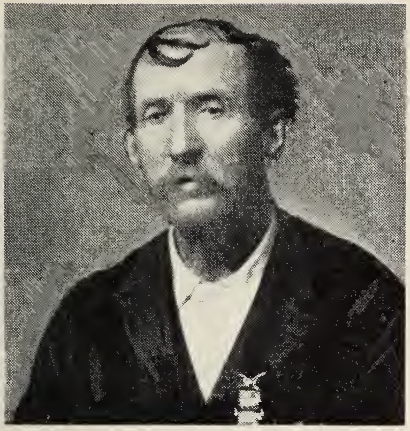
DANIEL CASTLE, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. Died 1876.

CARLTON R. CHENEY, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

JAMES B. CHENEY, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

HOLLY C. CLARK, Co. B, 37th Mass. Inf. Died 1924. Picture on page 280.

THOMAS COGGINS, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.



ROBERT CROSBY, son of Robert and Margarette Crosby, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 5, 1844, and died in Mount Morris, Dec. 10, 1927, aged past 83 years. He spent his boyhood days in Pennsylvania and came to Mount Morris when 14 years old. At the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. K, 92nd Illinois Infantry, and served until the end of the Civil War. For many years he was janitor at the public school building. In 1874, he married Mary E. Coggins, and two children were born: Fred and a son who died in infancy.

WM. H. COGGINS, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

WM. G. COOK, 73rd Ind. Inf.

N. R. CORNING, Co. I, 34th Ill. Inf.

CORP. JOHN CRADDOCK, Co. E, 92nd Ill. Inf. Died 1890.

JESSE CRAWFORD, U.S. Colored Inf.

GEO. W. DAVIS, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. Died 1908. Picture on page 280.

LEWIS L. DAVIS enlisted in 1864 in Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. He was found dead March 14th, 1913, at his home where he lived alone. He was born May 14, 1842, at Boonsboro, Md., and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1855, where he lived continuously except during the Civil War. At death he was nearly 71 years of age. He never married. See picture on page 280.

ALFRED M. DOWARD served during the Civil War in Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav. He died August 18, 1910, aged 77 years. He was born at Reading, Pa., Oct. 4, 1933, and came to Mount Morris in 1854. He was a wood worker and for many years had a shop one door north of A. W. Neff's blacksmith shop. In 1860, he married Annorah Nichols, and to them were born six children: William A., Oscar L., Frank M., Mrs. Daisy Hamilton, Zenas O., and Winnie. See picture on page 280.

HENRY EASTON, Co. E, 132nd Ill. Inf.

F. P. ELLICOTT, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. Died 1916.

AUGUSTUS FENTON, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

EDWIN FENTON, Co. M, 4th Ill. Cav. Died 1864.

FRANCIS O. FENTON. Died 1865.

ABNER FINNEY, Co. K, 15th Ill. Inf. Died 1922.

WM. FINNEY, Co. D, 142nd Ill. Inf.

JOHN S. FISH, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

CORP. CHARLES FLETCHER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

GEO. W. FOUKE, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

FREDERICK D. FOUKE at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in Co. C, 7th Ill. Inf., and continued in the service until captured and sent to Andersonville Prison, where he suffered the terrible conditions of that prison for nine months until the end of the war. He died Feb. 14, 1917, at the age of nearly 80 years. He was born March 22, 1836, at East St. Louis, Ill., the son of Robert Fouke. The greater part of his life was spent in Mount Morris. In 1874 he married Elizabeth Alsip, and four children were born to them,—Fred, William, Robert and Nora (Mrs. Wm. Feary). See picture on page 280.

REYNOLDS FOUKE, Co. E, 14th Ill. Cav.

CORP. WM. J. FOUKE, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Died 1900.

FRED FRAWERT, 46th Ill. Inf. Picture on page 280.

PETER FREERKSON, 23rd Ill. Inf.

DAVID FRIDLEY served during the Civil War in Co. G, 74th Illinois Infantry. At Dallas, he received a wound in the left shoulder, the ball piercing the lung and coming out at the back, but he was back at the front in two months. He was the son of John and Nancy Fridley, died in October, 1899, at his farm home 2½ miles southeast of Mount Morris, aged 60 years. He was born in Rockvale Township June 22, 1840. He married Mrs. Martha E. Flora in December, 1888.

CHAS. E. GAFFIN, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf. Died 1914.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. GIBBS, son of William J. Gibbs, was attending Rock River Seminary when Pres. Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers and with twenty other members of the school responded to that call. They enlisted in Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf., in May, 1861. Gibbs was later promoted to captain and saw considerable active service during the war.

ANDREW M. GLASGOW, Co. E, 4th Ill. Cav.

CORP. ELIJAH GLASGOW, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. Died 1907.

QUARTERMASTER JOHN GRANGER, Co. D, 8th Ill. Died 1882.

JOHN HARRIS, 1st Md. Inf. Picture on page 280.

WM. J. HEDRICK, Co. K, 92nd Ill. Inf. Died 1922.

CORP. ROBERT C. HEISTER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

HENRY HERBERT, Co. F, 74th Ill. Inf. Died 1863.

AUGUST HICKMAN, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

SERGT. BENJAMIN F. HIESTAND, Co. D, 149th Ill. Inf. Died at Andersonville Prison.

HENRY HIESTAND, Co. D, 142nd Ill. Inf. Died 1869.

QUARTERMASTER JOHN W. HITT, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

CAPT. JOSEPH E. HITT, Co. M, 4th Ill. Cav. Died 1878.

THOMAS M. HITT, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

LEVI R. HOLSINGER at the beginning of the Civil War enlisted in Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf., a company which was made up of recruits from this vicinity. He died May 8, 1913, at the age of nearly 72 years. He was born in Blair County, Pa., October 20, 1840, and came to Mount Morris at an early age. He married Harriet Cheeseman in 1865, and they had five children: David, Ira, Otto, Mrs. Carrie Harr and Mrs. Minnie Paul. Mrs. Holsinger died while the family was residing in Kansas. Mr. Holsinger married again in 1875, to Mary Grossnickle, and three children were born to them: Anita (died March 18, 1907), Charles and Lloyd. Mrs. Holsinger died in 1936.

JOSEPH M. HOSKING was a veteran of the Civil War, regiment unknown. He conducted a photograph gallery over Brayton's Drug Store in Mount Morris for about ten years. He died suddenly in his gallery in January, 1896, and Roy Householder, his assistant, took over the business. He was the first commander of the local G.A.R. Post.

WM. HOUSEHOLDER, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

WALTER WM. KECKLER, Sea Coxwain, U.S. Navy. Died 1927.

WM. KERNS, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf. Died 1865.

CAPT. PETER HOUSEHOLDER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Died 1914. See sketch on page 28.

CHAS. C. LEWIS, 52nd Ill. Inf. Died 1901.

JOHN LIZER. Died 1907.

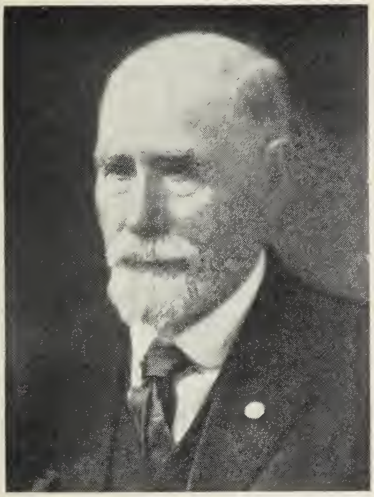
A. R. LONG, Sig. Corps, U.S.A. Died 1903.

JOHN LONGMAN served in Co. F, 1st Md. Inf. He died December 28, 1915, aged 73 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Nov. 17, 1842, and came to Mount Morris in 1881. He married Eliza V. Kennedy in 1869, and three children were born to them: Herlock E., Harry F., and Minnie (Mrs. Fred Middlekauff). Mrs. Longman died in 1904. See picture on page 280.

JACOB LOOKABAUGH served during the Civil War in Co. E, 63rd Pa. Inf. He died March 8, 1911, aged 86 years. He was born near Chambersburg, Pa., March 22, 1825, and brought his family to Mount Morris in 1875, where he engaged in farming for a number of years in this vicinity. March 22, 1848, he married Rachael Buzzard, and to them were born seven children—Samuel, Clinton, Harry, Jacob D., Mrs. John Traister, Mrs. Sanders Bain, and Mrs. Fred Bearman.

CHAS. T. MARSH, who spent his young manhood in Mount Morris, was the son of William Marsh, a sailor with Lord Nelson on the British man-of-war "Victory" at the Battle of Trafalgar, and was born at Dover, England, May 5, 1845. He came with his parents to America when he was ten years old and settled in Mount Morris. Seven years later, at the age of 17, when the Civil War broke out, Mr. Marsh volunteered as a member of Co. K, 92nd Illinois Infantry. During his three years of service, he took part in 63 battles and skirmishes, and at Peachtree Creek was the principal in an act of heroism under fire for which he was recommended for a medal. He was discharged in July, 1865, with the rank of corporal. After the war he returned to Mount Morris and attended Mount Morris College. In 1893, he moved to Chicago where he was employed for 25 years in the internal revenue service. Mr. Marsh married Lucinda Hensel and they had three sons. He was married a second time to Cora Vandemark in 1901. He passed away in Rockford in 1930 at the age of 85 years. See picture on page 376.

JOHN MERRYMAN served in the 2nd Penn. Cav. He was born in Blair County, Pa., in 1841, and died of burns received in an accident, July 2, 1905, aged 63½ years. After the war he came to Mount Morris and in 1869 married Miss Clara Sheets. Their children were Lottie, Charles, Wilbur, Lloyd, Edith, Hallie and Ethel. He was a carpenter by trade. See picture on page 280.



W. E. McCREADY was the next to the last veteran of the Civil War in Mount Morris to pass away. He was the son of John and Elizabeth McCready, was born Feb. 27, 1845, at Clinton, N.J., and died in Mount Morris, Sept. 25, 1934, aged 89½ years. He came to Mount Morris Township with his parents in 1850. At the early age of 17, he enlisted in the 14th Illinois Cavalry, and served to the end of the war. He returned to Mount Morris and married Sarah Nye, who died in the early eighties. Three children were born to them: John C., who died in 1920, Mrs. Vernie Spielman and Charles. In 1885, he married Elizabeth Marsh, and one son, Fred, was born to them. Mr. McCready was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Mount Morris for many years and served as road commissioner of the township for over 25 years.

ROBERT D. McCLURE, one of Mount Morris's best known citizens, died Feb. 5, 1903, aged 58 years. He was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., July 27, 1845, and spent his early life at Homestead, Pa. In 1865, he enlisted in Co. H, 2nd Pa. Inf. He came to Illinois in 1870, first locating at Haldane. In 1886, he purchased a farm one mile south of Mount Morris where he lived until his death. He was cashier of the bank at Forreston, supervisor from Lincoln Township, first president of the Board of Education of Mount Morris, was justice of the peace for twelve years, and cashier of the Bank of Mount Morris for nine years. Mr. McClure married Elizabeth Allen, Jan. 1, 1874, and they had four children: Robert R. McClure, attorney and farmer now living in Washington; Mary, former superintendent of Mount Morris High School; Maud, artist living in Mount Morris; Martha, wife of Hugh Allen, lieutenant commander, U.S. Navy, retired. Mrs. McClure passed away in 1927.

CAPT. FREDERICK H. MARSH came to Mount Morris in 1855 with his parents from Dover, England. He attended Rock River Seminary and at the outbreak of the war enlisted in Co. H, 15th Ill. Vol. Inf., but was later discharged because of illness. He recovered and reenlisted in Co. F, 46th Ill. Inf., and was promoted to captain in 1864. After the war he represented Ogle and Lee Counties in the State Legislature and was elected sheriff of Ogle County in 1882. In 1885, he was appointed U. S. Marshal of the Northern District of Illinois. Capt. Marsh married Kate Lehman in 1864. See picture on page 376.

LIEUT. G. W. MARSHALL, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

DAVIS B. MEREDITH, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Killed at Resaca, Ga., May 14, 1864.

SGT. CHAS. MERRIMAN, Co. A, 125th Pa. Inf.

DAVID MILLER, Co. E, 17th Pa. Cav. Died 1897.

MARTIN E. MILLER, Co. D, 92nd Ill. Inf. Died 1925.

SPENCER V. MILLER, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

MAJOR J. McCLELLAND MILLER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

JACOB MOTTER. Died 1872.

RIGDON McCOY, 7th Md. Inf.

EUGENE McKIBBIN, Co. G, 74th Ill. Inf.

SGT. WILBUR A. McNEILL, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

DR. FRANCIS A. McNEILL served as surgeon during the Civil War, with the 34th Ill. Inf. He was a prominent physician in Mount Morris for many years. The Northwestern Republican published in 1857 carried his business card. He was twice married, the second time to Barbara Wagner. Dr. McNeill had four children by each marriage. He died in 1872.

CHARLES F. NEFF, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

CAPT. HENRY H. NEWCOMER enlisted in Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. He was promoted to lieutenant and later to captain. He was born in Washington County, Md., Dec. 20, 1835, and came to Ogle County in 1846. He conducted a harness shop in Mount Morris in the eighties. In 1861, he married Ellen S. Highbarger and they had two sons, Henry H. and Ernest. Mr. Newcomer died in 1880.

MAJOR CHAS. NEWCOMER, Paymaster in Dept. of the Cumberland. Picture on page 381.

DAVID NEWCOMER, Surgeon, 26th Pa. Inf. Died 1900. Picture on page 51.

CORP. O. W. NEWTON, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

JOHN A. NOEL, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Killed at Shiloh, Apr. 16, 1862.

JOSEPH NULL. Died 1902.

LEVI PALMER, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

JOHN K. PALMER, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

BENJ. PETERSON, Co. E, 149th Pa. Died 1908.

DAVID W. PIKE, Co. E, 17th Pa. Cav. Died 1870.

CHARLES B. POTTER. Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf. Died 1877.

LUTHER D. POTTER, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

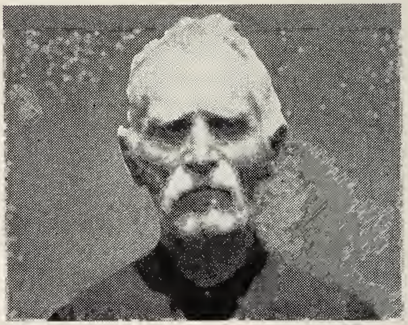
THOMAS L. POTTER, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

JOHN PRICE, veteran of 1812, died Nov. 1852, aged 77. Buried in Plainview Cemetery.

JOHN H. PRITCHARD, Co. K, 69th Ill. Inf.

CORP. GEO. O. PROCTOR, Co. E, 4th Wis. Inf. Died 1926.

HENRY RICE, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

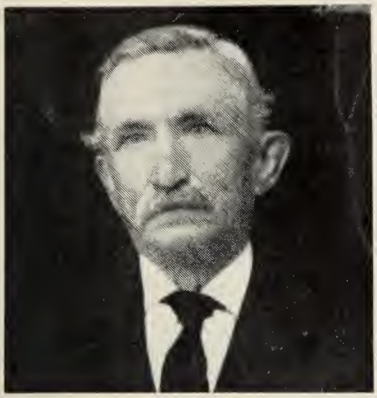


DANIEL RIDENOUR, son of John and Nancy Zellers Ridenour, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 6, 1836, and died in Mount Morris, June 25, 1928, aged nearly 92 years. During the Civil War, he served in Co. B, 2nd Pa. Artillery, from 1862 to 1865. Soon after the war he came to Mount Morris where he resided continuously for 60 years. In 1873, he married Susan Rowland and seven children were born to them. Only two of them survived the father, Mrs. E. D. Coddington and Mrs. David Paul. The mother died Apr. 7, 1910.

BENJAMIN H. RINE enlisted in Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf., and served until the end of the war. He was born in Cumberland County, Pa., January 5, 1845, and died in Belvidere, Ill., in February, 1933, aged 87 years. He lived in Mount Morris many years, engaged principally in the building business. In about 1880, he purchased the grocery store established by Wm. H. Bull and after several years sold to Holly Clark and Ira Wingert. At a later period he and his son-in-law, C. H. Whitman, conducted a meat market which they later sold to Wishard & Powell. Shortly before the war, he was married to Miss Melissa Fish, and four children were born to them: Myrtle (Mrs. John H. Miller), Anna M. (Mrs. C. H. Whitman), Fred and Eugene. Mrs. Rine passed away in 1909. See picture on page 280.

ABRAHAM ROCK, Co. K, 21st Pa. Cav. Died 1907.

WM. J. ROWLAND, Co. I, 14th Ill. Cav. Died 1888.



JAMES H. STEVENS was the last veteran of the Civil War living in Mount Morris to pass away. On the following page is a picture of the veterans living in Mount Morris in the year 1900. At that time all of these veterans were past 60 years of age, and they gradually passed away one by one, until Mr. Stevens was the sole survivor, past 92 years of age. He was the son of David and Nancy Stevens and was born Nov. 15, 1843, at Waterfall, Pa., and passed away in Mount Morris Jan. 28, 1936. He enlisted in Co. M, 9th Pa. Cavalry, on Feb. 19, 1863, and served until the end of the war. While fighting at Stone River, his horse was shot from under him and he was seriously wounded at Lookout Mountain. In 1866 he married Margaret Ellen Carr and four children were born to them: Orion, Irvin, Virgie (Mrs. Cassius Crowell), and Carrie (Mrs. Fred Middlekauff). The family came to Mount Morris in 1877 and engaged in farming until 1906 when they moved to town. Mrs. Stevens died in March, 1918.

JOHN SMALL, Co. K, 15th Ill. Inf. Picture on page 280.

HENRY L. SMITH enlisted in 1863 in Co. D, 2nd Ill. Cav., at Rochelle and served until the close of the war. He was the son of John and Charity Smith, and was born at Warwick, N.Y., Feb. 28, 1831, and died March 8, 1915, aged 84 years. He came to Ogle County in 1857, locating at Flagg Center. He married Martha A. Brace in 1855, who died in 1862, leaving three young sons. On return from the war, he married Rebecca Holly in 1867, and moved to a farm in Mount Morris Township. His second wife died in 1875, leaving two children. He was married a third time in 1878 to Carrie L. Knodle, and to this union three sons and a daughter were born. When he died he was survived by his third wife and three sons: Henry Lee, Guy C., and Jesse H. After leaving the farm, he operated a livery stable in Mount Morris for a number of years.

CORP. JAMES N. SMITH, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

WM. S. SPERAW, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

AUGUST STAHLHUT, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf. Wounded, and died at Andersonville Prison.

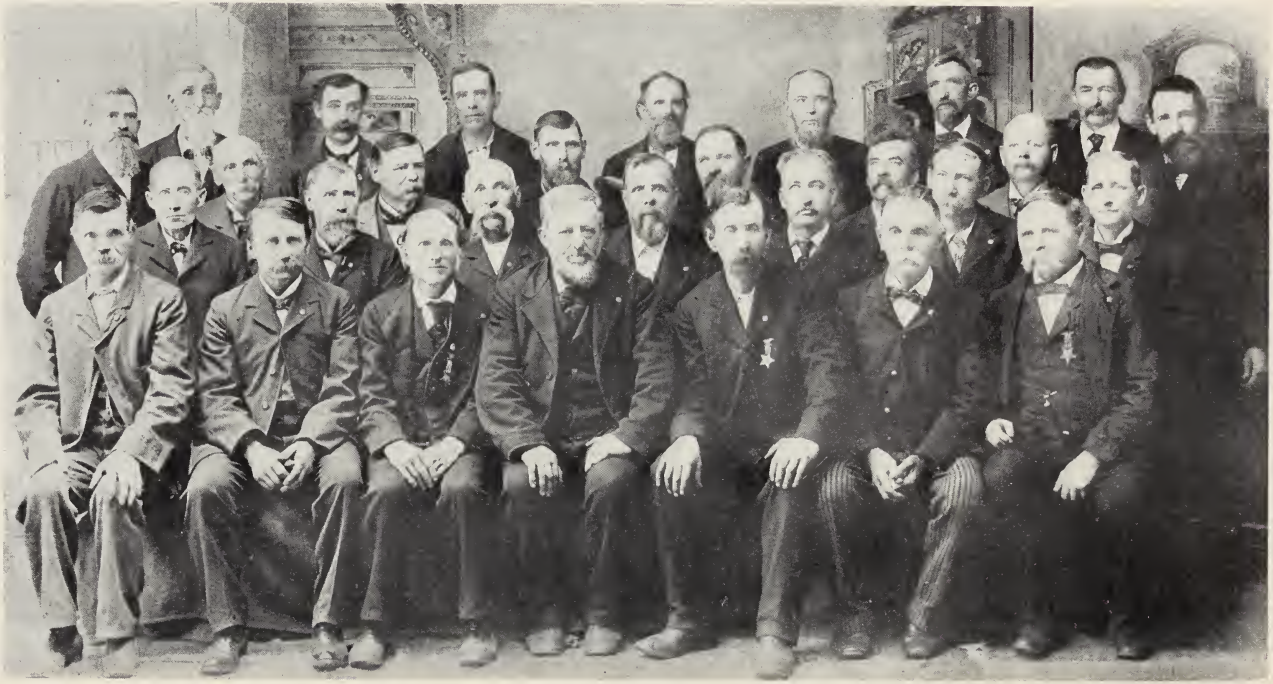
SGT. HENRY STEWART, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

ELAPHILET J. STONEBRAKER, Co. E, 46th Ill. Inf.

ISAIAH ROWLAND, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav.

CHAS. RUBSAMEN, Co. H, 3rd Md. Cav. Died 1911.

LIEUT. JOHN M. SMITH, a member of Co. H, 34th Illinois Infantry, was killed in action on Jan. 1st, 1862, at the Battle of Stone River. The local G. A. R. Post was named in his honor. He was the son of Stephen and Lydia (Wilkins) Smith and was a brother of Mrs. Ira Marshall, Mrs. Mary McCoy, and Chas. D. Smith, former well-known residents of Mount Morris.



VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR who were living in Mount Morris in 1900. At the time this picture was taken, these men were all past 50 years of age, and they gradually passed away. The last one was James Stevens, who died in 1936. Those in the picture are, from left to right, sitting: Lewis Bricknell, Uriah Brantner, Oliver Beard, Dorsey Fouke, Robert Crosby, Daniel Ridenour, Joseph Baker; second row, John Longman, Jacob Withers, Wm. E. McCready, Robert McClure, John Withers, H. C. Clark, Capt. Peter Householder, Fred Frawert, G. W. Davis, L. L. Davis, Benj. Tracy, S. R. Blair, Chas. Unger; back row, Benj. Rine, A. M. Doward, John Merryman, John Harris, Thomas Avey, Isaac Barnhizer, James Stevens, Dallas Wesner, John Small.

HARRISON SAGE, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

JOHN H. SHARER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

ANDREW SHARP, Co. B, 7th Ill. Cav.

DANIEL SHAW, Co. A, 2nd Ill. Cav.

WM. H. SHEETS, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf. Died 1902.

LIEUT. ERASTMUS SHUMWAY, 7th Wis. Bat.

CORP. FENTON F. SKINNER, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

ED. SLATER, 10th Ohio Cav.

DANIEL SMALL, 15th Ill. Inf.

JASPER N. STONEBRAKER, Co. E, 46th Ill. Inf.

JOEL STONER. Died 1870.

JOSEPH STONER. Died 1904.

CORP. ALFRED E. STROH, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. Died 1870.

CORP. LUTHER M. STROH, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

MUHLENBERG STROH, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

F. STUCKENBERG, Co. K, 15th Ill. Inf.

LIEUT. OLIVER H. SWINGLEY, Co. L, 12th Ill. Cav. Died 1921.

G. W. THOMPSON. Died 1865.

SAMUEL G. TRINE was born in Washington County, Md., April 29, 1835, and came to Ogle County in 1848 and worked at his trade as painter. In 1862, Mr. Trine enlisted in Co. F, 92nd Ill. Inf. After 15 months service, he was appointed captain of Co. B, 13th Regiment U. S. Colored troops. Later he enlisted in the Navy. Mr. Trine married Ellen Newcomer and they had three children: Virgil, Ralph and Christian. Ralph Trine became a famous author and wrote a number of books that attained a very large sale.

DANIEL B. TURNEY, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Killed at Shiloh in 1862.

DAVID B. TURNEY, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf.

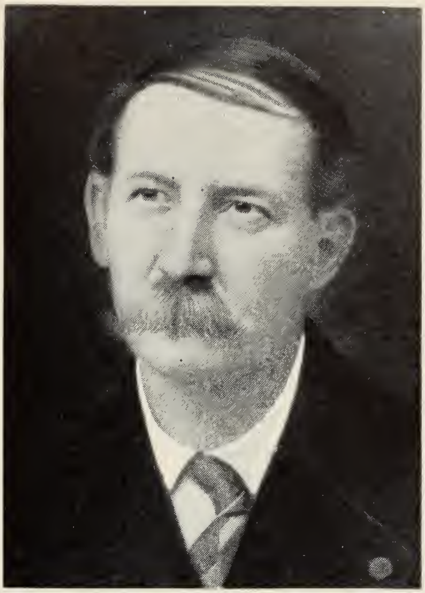
FRANCIS TURNEY, Co. A, 2nd Ill. Cav.

A. TYPER, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf. Killed at Shiloh, April 6, 1862.

LIEUT. BENJ. R. WAGNER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.

CAPT. DAVID C. WAGNER, Co. K, 34th Ill. Inf.

NEHEMIAH WAGNER, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf.



BENJAMIN F. TRACY enlisted in February, 1864, in Co. H, First Maryland Cavalry, and received wounds in the chin and shoulder. He was born in Franklin Co., Pa., Dec. 23, 1845, and died in Mount Morris Jan 14, 1910, aged 64 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1869, and followed his trade as carpenter and contractor for many years until his death. He served on the village board of trustees several terms and was constable for four years. In 1876, he married Mary Potter, to whom six children were born: Mrs. Mary Rudy (died in 1921), Dennis C., Chester and Madge Emmert. Two others died in childhood. Mrs. Tracy died in April, 1933.

CHAS. UNGER enlisted in the Union Army in Co. K, 21st Pa. Cav., and saw much active service. He was born in Franklin Co., Pa., Oct. 31, 1846, and died Jan. 10, 1906, aged 59 years. He married Hanna Foster and came with his family to Mount Morris in 1881, where he lived until his death. He had two sons. Harry and Grant. See picture on page 280.

CHAS. R. WELLER served 14 months in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was born May 5, 1826, at Martinsburg, W. Va., and died April 22, 1901, aged 74 years. He married Sarah Miller in 1851, and they had two sons, Chas. E. and Clayton. He moved to Pine Creek Township after the war and to Mount Morris five years before his death.

DALLAS WESNER, Co. D, 2nd Pa. Heavy Art. Died 1925. Picture on page 280.

WENTWORTH WHEELER, 141st Ill. Inf. Died 1924.

CAPT. JOHN F. WALLACE, Co. L, 12th Ill. Cav.

LEWIS WALLACE, Co. I, 147th Inf. Died 1902.

SERGT. M. H. WALLACE, Co. E, 4th Ill. Cav. Died 1862.

JASPER C. WASHBURN, Co. H, 15th Ill. Inf.

ABRAHAM WEAVER died Oct. 13, 1918, aged nearly 80 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Dec. 2, 1838, being the last of a family of eight children. He came to Mount Morris in 1857, made his home with his uncle, Abraham Felker, and attended Rock River Seminary. During the Civil War he served in Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf. He was married Feb. 13, 1876, to Jennie Briggs, who died Oct. 30, 1892. Four children were born to them: Lillian, who died in infancy; Mable, who died in 1901 at the age of 21 years; Charles, who is married and lives in Polo; and Grace. Mr. Weaver bought a farm in Rockvale Township in 1870, where he lived until 1904, when the family moved to Mount Morris.

CYRUS WILSON. Died 1871.

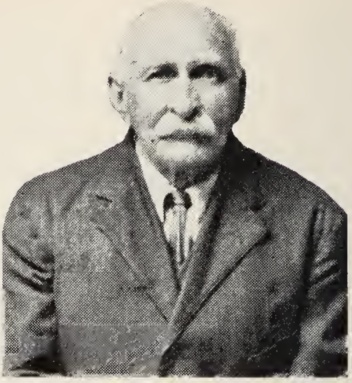
SGT. JOHN H. WILSON, Co. G, 74th Ill. Inf. Died June 30, 1864, of wounds received at Kenesaw.

DR. THOMAS WINSTON, Surgeon, 149th Ill. Inf.

BENJ. F. WITHERS. Died 1882.

ELI G. WITHERS, Co. K, 149th Ill. Inf. Died 1926.

JAMES WITHERS, Co. C, 188th Pa. Inf. Died 1929.



JOHN E. WITHERS, son of Thos. and Elizabeth Withers, was born April 18, 1847, in Blair County, Md., and died Sept. 17, 1928, aged over 81 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents when four years old, and lived here the remainder of his life. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Co. D, Fourth Illinois Cavalry, and served nearly four years as a corporal. In 1887, he married Mary Ellen Routzahn, and they had two children, Carl and Mrs. Chas. Moore. He had four step-daughters, Mrs. Henry Simons, Mrs. Walter Bowman, Mrs. F. B. Stark and Mrs. Albert Fowler. Mrs. Withers died in 1927.

THOMAS W. WITHERS, Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf. Died 1880.

JACOB H. WITHERS died March 6, 1915, aged 73 years. He was born in Blair County, Pa., Jan. 25, 1842. He came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1853 and resided here continuously until the time of his death. Shortly after the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. H, 34th Ill. Inf., continuing until the end of the struggle. Mr. Withers was twice married, his first wife dying in 1897. To this union were born six children, three of whom survived him, Mrs. Hugh Douglas, Mrs. Frank Reitchstein and Howard Withers. See picture on page 280.

WILLIAM WITHERS died May 4, 1916, at the age of 69 years. He was born June 10, 1848, at Williamsburg, Pa., and at the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. C., 188th Pa. Inf., in February, 1864, and served until the close of the war. He came to Mount Morris in 1866, where he lived for 50 years. In 1874, Mr. Withers married Jennie Stewart, and they had three daughters, Mrs. Bernard Nathan, Mrs. Maude Newcomer and Ruth Withers.

WM. WOLFE, Co. D, 4th Ill. Cav. Died 1892.

CORP. ELISHA WOLFORD, Co. I, 140th Ill. Inf.

WESLEY WORLEY, U.S.M.C.

The old soldiers did not form a local organization for more than 25 years after the close of the war. The J. M. Smith Post, No. 720, Grand Army of the Republic, was chartered Aug. 22, 1891. The post was named in honor of J. M. Smith, who enlisted from Mount Morris and was killed Jan. 1, 1862, at the Battle of Stone River.

The first commander elected was Joseph M. Hosking, who served two and one-half years. Following him, the commanders were as follows: Peter Householder, 1894-1895; R. D. McClure, 1896-1897; H. C. Clark, 1898-1899; J. T. Baker, 1900-1901; Wm. E. McCready 1902-1903; F. D. Fouke, 1904; J. T Baker, 1905; John Withers, 1906; Peter Householder, 1907; J. H. Alexander 1908-1909; Daniel Ridenour, 1910; Peter Householder, 1911; W. E. McCready, 1912 to 1922; James H. Stevens, 1923 to 1935.

THESE SIX MOUNT MORRIS BOYS belonged to Company M, Illinois National Guard, with headquarters at Oregon, in 1900. Left to right, Lee Stonebraker, James Mongan, Fred Crosby, Charles Wishard, Robert Potter, John Stover.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

AS FAR as is known, no one then living in Mount Morris enlisted in the Spanish-American War in 1898. However, a number of veterans of that war are now living in Mount Morris and others formerly lived here. The list compiled as accurately as possible is as follows:

Thomas I. Sprecher enlisted at Hagerstown, Md., in Co. B, First Md. Inf., and trained at Pimlico, Md. He was discharged Feb. 28, 1899, at Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., after 10 months' service.

Alvis Lawson enlisted from Tennessee, June 18, 1898, and was trained at Knoxville, Tenn. He served in Cuba from November, 1898, to April, 1899, and was discharged May 6, 1899.

George W. Chaffee served in the Artillery Corps Band, 52nd Division. He died in Mount Morris in 1927.

John Granger served in Co. G, 8th Ill. Inf. He died in 1908.

Millman Tice, who served in the Spanish-American War, died in Mount Morris in 1924.

K. R. Leekley served in Porto Rico with Co. M, 6th Vol. Inf.

Edward H. McGee was a member of the 7th Cavalry and 15th Cavalry during the Spanish-American War. He was discharged in May, 1903.

THE WORLD WAR

ON APRIL 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany and shortly thereafter Mount Morris boys began to volunteer for service in the army and navy. Then in June of the same year, under the conscription law, all males between the ages of 21 and 31 were required to register. In Mount Morris Township, 190 young men registered and eventually many of them were drafted into service. Before the war ended, nearly a hundred men were in the army of which about half were sent overseas before the armistice was signed. Of this number, not a single man was killed in action, although a number were wounded or gassed. However, four Mount Morris boys died of disease while in service, two of them while in camp in this country and the other two overseas.

The complete list of all soldiers and sailors who were in the service during the war is given here. This list includes not only those who enlisted or were drafted from Mount Morris, but also all present residents of Mount Morris who were in the service and who came here since the war.

EARL ALLEN—Son of Charles Allen, entered service Sept. 5, 1918, at Camp Forrest, Ga. Assigned to Engineers Replacement Corps and promoted to Sergeant. Discharged Jan. 9, 1919, after 4 months' service.

HUGH ALLEN—Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy (retired), was appointed to U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., from Milwaukee, Wis., and served 15 years with the U.S. Navy. During the war he was C.O. of Naval Coast Patrol, Portland (Me.) Section; also on the Eligibility Board, Officers' School, Harvard University. He was later C.O. of Aviation Mechanics' School and 15th Regt., Great Lakes, Ill.

FRANK H. AUFDERBECK—Entered service May 25, 1918. Assigned to Co. A, 18th Inf., from Sept. 27 to Nov. 1, 1918, and transferred to Co. B, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, Nov. 1, 1918. He saw active service in France and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany, being overseas from July 1, 1918 to Sept. 3, 1919. He was discharged in September, 1919, after 16 months' service.

SYRIL AVEY—Son of S. E. Avey. Entered United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in June, 1917. Saw service on U.S.S. Wisconsin and U.S.S. Kearsarge. Discharged Oct. 20, 1920.

EUGENE BAKER—Son of Frank Baker of Freeville, N.Y. Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss,. and assigned to Co. A, 113th Ammunition Train, motor section. In August, 1918, transferred to Medical Department of the 113th Ammunition Train.

ROY J. BAKER—Son of Edward Baker, entered service June 1, 1918 at Fort Thomas, Ky., and transferred to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., where he was assigned to Co. C., 46th Infantry.

WILLIAM BARNHART—Entered service April 27, 1918 with Co. D, 7th Ammunition Train, 7th Div. He was trained at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex., attaining rank of Private 1st Class. He was overseas from May 25, 1918, to June 24, 1919, and was discharged June 27, 1919 after 14 months' service.

MAX BARNHIZER—Son of George Barnhizer, enlisted as mechanic in aviation service and sent in July, 1918 to Lewis Institute, Chicago, for instruction and training. In September, 1918, he was assigned as an assistant instructor. Discharged Dec. 9, 1918, after 5 months of service.

PAUL BARNHIZER—Son of Mrs. Mary Barnhizer. Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. Assigned to Co. C, 152d Infantry. In Sept. 1918, transferred to Camp Mills, N.Y., and arrived overseas in Oct., 1918. Was then transferred to Co. M, 327th Inf., 82nd Division.

HOWARD BRONSON—Served in the 4th Inf. Band, S. Dak. Nat. Guard, 1906 to 1908, and in the U.S. Navy as assistant band leader from 1909 to 1913. In the World War he was band leader of the First S. Dak. Cavalry, of the 307th Cavalry, Nat. Army, and the 51st Field Artillery. He was discharged in March, 1919. Since 1929 to the present he has been leader of the 129th Inf. Band, Ill. Nat. Guard, with rank of captain since 1933.

OTHO BRUNER—Son of Theodore Bruner. Enlisted in U.S. Marines and sent to Paris Island, S.C. Assigned to Co. 97, 6th Regiment and transferred to Quantico, Va. Forwarded to France in November, 1917. Slightly wounded on April 10, 1918. Again wounded on July 19, 1918. In October, 1918, returned home on furlough to recover from wound. Now living at Oak Park, Ill.

LEON BEARD—Son of Chas. Beard. Enlisted May 16, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas; transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S.N.G. In November, 1917, assigned to Supply Co. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France May 11th, 1918. In June, 1918, transferred to Machine Gun Co., 129th Infantry. Saw active service in the Amiens and Albert sectors and participated in Meuse Argonne offensive. Stationed after Armistice at Luxembourg with the Army of Occupation. Was discharged June, 1919, after 26 months service.

ARTHUR S. BARRE—Enlisted in 21st Engineers at Rockford. Sailed for France in Dec. 1917. Transferred to Co. M, 29th Engineers, and assigned to work in army printing office. Discharged in May, 1919, after 19 months' service.

RAYMOND BICKFORD—Son of Albert Bickford. Entered service and sent Oct. 15, 1918, to Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., for special training in radio and sheet metal work. Now living at Polo, Ill.

FRED BOEGEL—Entered service at Louisville, Ky. He was trained at Charleston, S.C., and attained rank of corporal with 8th Anti Aircraft Battalion. He was discharged Dec. 20, 1918, after eight months' service.

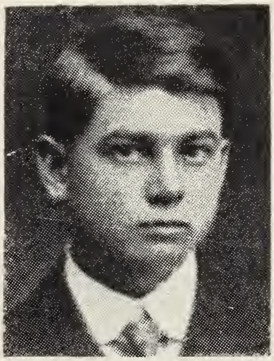
HUGH S. BONAR—Son of Jacob Bonar. Enlisted in Co. A, 311th Field Signal Battalion, Camp Grant, Rockford. Sent to France with 86th Division in August, 1918. Picture on page 395.

FRANK BURTON—Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford, in September, 1917, and assigned to Co. M, 342nd Infantry. Later transferred to Co. B, 132nd Infantry at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, and promoted to corporal. Arrived overseas in latter part of May, 1918.

RUFUS CAIN—Son of John Cain of Paines Point. Entered service May 2nd at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and assigned to Headquarters Co., 55th Infantry. In July transferred to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Sailed for France in August, 1918.

BRYANT CHAMBERS—Entered service with Co. L, 342nd Infantry, Camp Grant, Rockford, but later transferred to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

EDWARD CHAMBERS—Entered service in September, 1917, at Camp Grant, Ill., and assigned to Co. L, 342nd Infantry. Sent to France in September, 1918.



RAYMOND BEARD—Son of Wm. Beard. Entered service Sept. 5, 1918, at Camp Grant, Ill., and appointed corporal. Died of pneumonia at base hospital Nov. 7, 1918. Buried at Mount Morris.

DONALD CLARK—Enlisted in regular army May 7, 1917; discharged Aug. 14, 1919, Musician 1st Class. Served nearly two years overseas with 9th Inf., 2nd Div., as bandsman, during which time his regiment was in ten different sectors, including major engagements at Chateau Thierry, Soissons, Blanc Mont, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He participated as stretcher bearer and runner at Soissons and Chateau Thierry, after which bandsmen were relieved of front line duty. On the Chateau Thierry front his regiment was under practically constant fire for thirty-five days. The 9th U.S. Inf. is one of the old and famous regiments of our country's military forces. It is interesting to note that William A. Newcomer, of the pioneer stock of Mount Morris, enlisted in the "9th" back in 1876, and served five years, during which time they often engaged in battles with Indians. The regimental flag was twice decorated during the World War by the French Government, which entitles its members to wear the French shoulder-cord decoration known as the *fourragere*.

RAYMOND CAIN—Son of John Cain of Paines Point, entered service Sept. 21, 1917, at Camp Grant. Assigned to Co. L, 342nd Inf. 83rd Div. Sent to France in September, 1918, and returned Feb. 25, 1919. Discharged at Camp Grant after 18 months of service. Was a member of the Presidential Guard of Honor in Paris, France, from Dec. 25, 1918 to Feb. 15, 1919.

HOWARD CLARK—Enlisted at Fort Lawton, Wash., in Co. C, 31st Engineers, and was trained at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Was sent overseas in June, 1918, and returned in August, 1919. Was discharged Sept. 5, 1919.

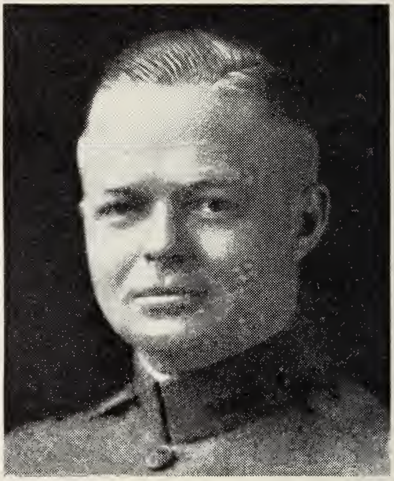
FRANK CORBETT—Entered service in July, 1918, with Co. K, 46th Inf., at Jefferson City, Tenn. He was trained at Fort Thomas, Ky., Camp Sheridan, Ala., and Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. He was discharged Feb. 8, 1919, after 7 months' service.

JAY CRATTY—Enlisted at Belvidere, Ill., Oct. 18, 1917. Served with the Ordnance Dept., Co. B, 1st Battalion. In France from Mar. 1, 1918 to Aug. 2, 1919. Discharged at Camp Lee, Va., Sept. 16, 1919, after 23 months' service.

ELMER CRIPE—Son of D. S. Cripe. Enlisted in Aviation Corps. Preliminary training at the University of Illinois Ground School, Champaign, Ill. Transferred Dec. 15 to Waco, Texas, for actual flying practice. Completed training and received commission as Second Lieutenant. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Dick, Dallas, Texas. Arrived overseas in April, 1918 and engaged in advanced flying tests in France. Discharged Feb. 5, 1919. Now living in Rockford.

RALPH CROWELL—Son of Cassius Crowell. Enlisted in January, 1918, at Algona, Iowa, in Aviation Corps. Sent to Kelley Field, No. 1, San Antonio, Texas. Transferred to 828th Aero Squadron, Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Mich. Transferred in April, 1918, to Hempstead Field No. 2, Long Island, N.Y. In June, 1918, again transferred to 218th Aero Squadron and arrived in France in July, 1918. In August transferred to 4th Air Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group. Discharged at Camp Grant in August, 1919, after 20 months' service.

MERLE CULLER—Son of D. D. Culler. Enlisted in the Engineering Corps., Sept. 2. Sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and temporarily assigned to 16th Recruit Co. In October, 1918, transferred to Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va., and assigned to Hdq. Detachment, 7th Engineers Training Reserve. Again transferred to Co. E, 4th Eng. Training Reserve.



CHARLES CUSHING—Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushing. Enlisted in the Ordnance Department and commissioned first lieutenant. In February transferred to Chicago as inspector of ordnance. In July, 1918, assigned to tank corps, 303rd Co., and transferred to Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa. He was sent to France about a month before the armistice. Stayed in France at Tours in transportation service until June, 1919. His health was impaired while in service, from which he never recovered. He died in 1936.

ALFRED DAVIS—Enlisted at Benton Harbor, Mich. Assigned to Co. B, Selfridge Field, Mich., and was discharged Dec. 27, 1918, after 6 months' service.

CLIFFORD DEYO—Son of George Deyo. Enlisted May 16, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. Transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S.N.G. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France on May 11, 1918. Was gassed Oct. 7, 1918, in the Argonne campaign. Saw active service in the Flanders section and participated in the battle of the Meuse-Argonne. Was a member of the Army of Occupation at Luxembourg. Discharged in June, 1919, after 25 months' service.

EARL DIEHL—Son of Mrs. Rosa Diehl. Enlisted July, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, duty as cook and transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S. N.G. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France on May 11, 1918. Participated in the Amiens and Albert sectors and later in the battle of Meuse-Argonne. After the Armistice he was stationed at Luxembourg with the Army of Occupation. Discharged in June, 1919, after 23 months' service.

LLOYD DIEHL—Son of Mrs. Rosa Diehl. Enlisted July, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G. at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, duty as cook and transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S.N.G. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France on May 11, 1918. Saw service in the Amiens and Albert sector with the British and Australians, and the Meuse-Argonne. Was a member of the Army of Occupation at Luxembourg. Discharged in June, 1919, after 23 months' service.

ORVAL W. DIEHL—Son of Mrs. Rosa Diehl. Enlisted on May 14, 1917, with Co. A, 8th Mounted Engineers, and was trained at El Paso, Texas. In Nov., 1918, he was transferred to Machine Gun Officers Training School, Augusta, Ga. Promoted to corporal and was discharged Dec. 20, 1918, after 19 months' service. Now lives at Decatur, Ill.

WAYNE H. DIEHL, son of Mrs. Rosa Diehl, enlisted in the U.S. Marines and was sent to Paris Island, S.C.; assigned to 6th Regiment, Headquarters Co., Quantico, Va. Embarked for France Oct. 19 and landed in France on Nov. 1, 1917. After a period of training at several camps, Mr. Diehl's Company was sent to the front lines at Verdun on Mar. 14, 1918. Thereafter he participated in major operations of Belleau Woods, Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, Champagne and Meuse-Argonne. His company was awarded the French decoration, the *fourragere,* with four separate citations for gallantry. With the exception of one month, Mr. Diehl was in the lines from Mar. 14 to Nov. 3, 1918. During the Argonne drive he was evacuated to a hospital at Beaune. The remainder of his enlistment was spent at various hospitals in France and at Newport News and at Great Lakes, where he was honorably discharged July 26, 1919. He graduated from Mount Morris high school, class of 1917. Enrolled at Northwestern University in February, 1920, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1924. At present he is resident manager of the firm of Gauger & Diehl, certified public accountants, and instructor in two advanced accounting courses at Rockford College. He married Ruth Lucille Light, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Light, on Nov. 27, 1924. She was a graduate of the Mount Morris high school in 1919 and from the DeKalb State Normal School in 1921.

GEORGE DOHLEN—Son of John G. Dohlen. Enlisted in the Aviation Corps. Sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for assignment. Transferred to Kelley Field, San Antonio, Texas, and later to Dallas, Texas, for training, and assigned to 199th Aero Squadron as mechanic. Transferred on Jan. 26 to Garden City, L.I., and embarked for France latter part of February. Saw service until close of war. Died of pneumonia, Feb. 19, 1919, at Meuse Hospital, Commerey, France. Buried with full military honors in France.

JOHN G. DOHLEN—Son of John G. Dohlen. Entered service on Sept. 3, 1918, as clerk in Central Infantry Officers' Training School at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. With rank of corporal was discharged Jan. 6, 1919, after four months' service.

HENRY DOHLEN—Son of John G. Dohlen. Enlisted in the Engineering Corps and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned to Co. E, 5th Engineers. In training first at Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas, and in November, 1917, transferred to Camp Scurry, Corpus Christi, Texas. In July, 1918, arrived in France.

PERCY DOMER—Son of William Domer. Entered service May 20, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He was transferred to Fort George Wright, Wash., and assigned to Co. F, 14th Inf. He was discharged June 13, 1919, after 13 months' service. Now lives at Sterling, Ill.

HARRY DONALDSON—Son of Mrs. Edward Marvin. Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. Assigned to Headquarters Co., 63rd Brigade, Field Artillery. In September transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y., and arrived overseas in October, 1918.

ORVILLE DOWARD—Son of O. L. Doward. Enlisted in the navy and sent to the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Assigned to Co. 41. Transferred in May, 1918, to Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Va., P. O. School, Quartermaster's Class. Transferred in August, 1918, to Mare Island, Calif. Now lives at Aurora, Ill.

SAMUEL EBY—Son of Ira P. Eby. Enlisted in Co. E, 168th Iowa National Guard at Greene, Iowa, and served on the Mexican border. In December, 1917, his regiment was sent to France as a part of Rainbow Division. Promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. Severely wounded Sept. 16, 1918, by machine gun bullet.

CHARLES EDSON—Enlisted at Washington, D.C., in the Medical department of the U.S. Army. Stationed at the Walter Reed General Hospital at Tacoma Park, D.C., with rank of sergeant first class. Discharged Sept. 24, 1919.

LYNN M. ELLIOTT—Enlisted at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., in Co. B, 313th Engineers, and later transferred to Co. E, 55th Engineers. He served overseas from June, 1918 to July, 1919. He was discharged July 11, 1919, after 17 months' service.

CLINTON FRAWERT—Son of Henry Frawert. Entered service May 2, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, and assigned to Co. K, 55th Infantry. In July transferred to Camp Merritt, N.J. Arrived in France, August, 1919. Transferred to Co. D, 102d Infantry. He was gassed on night of Oct. 15, 1918, in Argonne Forest and sent to hospital. Was dismissed from hospital Jan. 11, 1919, and rejoined regiment. Discharged June 20, 1919, after 13 months' service.

JOSEPH S. FRANKLIN—Son of N. B. Franklin. Entered service May 2 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas. On June 1, 1918, was sent to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., and assigned to Co. D, 46th Infantry.

ELVINUS FREDERICKSON—Entered service May 20 at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S.C., and assigned to Battery A, 10th Battalion, Field Artillery. In July, 1918, transferred to Training School for Stable Sergeants, 7th Regt. Sent overseas in October, 1918.

LESLIE GANN—Son of F. H. Gann. Enlisted in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., and transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S.N.G. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France, May 11, 1918.

PHILIP GLASGOW—Son of Frank Glasgow. Three years' service in the navy completed December, 1916. Promoted to Chief Gunner's Mate and appointed instructor of "Naval Ordnance" at the naval training station, San Pedro, Calif. Transferred to Wissachickan Barracks, Cape May, N.J. May 1, 1918, assigned to duty on a submarine chaser on the west coast of France.

VIRGIL GOODRICH—Enlisted at Rock Falls, Ill., in Co. I, 41st Infantry, and was trained at Camp Funston, Kans. He was discharged Jan. 21, 1919, after 8 months' service.

FRANK GRAF—Enlisted at Albert Lea, Minn., with Band Hdqrs. Co., 50th Inf.; rank of Musician 2nd Class. Was discharged May 19, 1919, after 21 months' service.

BOYD GRUSH—Son of Mrs. Mary Grush. Enlisted May 16, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. Transferred to Co. K, 129th Inf., U.S.N.G. Transferred April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France May 11, 1918. Seriously wounded July 29, 1918, by an exploding shell, which inflicted 27 shrapnel wounds on his body. Was discharged Jan. 18, 1919, after 20 months' service.

ERNEST HANES—Son of Dr. W. W. Hanes. Enlisted as Yeoman in Navy Department. Assigned April 27 to Co. 92, Reg. 8, at Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Later transferred to 6th Regiment, Yeoman School.

GEORGE HIRD—Entered service at Parkston, So. Dak., with Co. F, 362nd Inf., 91st Div. He was trained at Camp Lewis, Wash., and was overseas from July 5, 1918 to Feb. 22, 1919. He was wounded and gassed in the Argonne Forest, and was discharged Mar. 17, 1919, after 10 months' service.

ROBERT HARVEY—Enlisted at Wausau, Wis., July 23, 1918. Served in France with the 332nd Field Artillery Band from Aug. 20, 1918 to Feb. 16, 1919. Discharged from Camp Grant, Ill., Feb. 28, 1919, after 7½ months' service.

FRANK HILGER—Son of Fred Hilger. Entered service May 20 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp Jackson, S.C., and assigned to Battery A, 10th Battalion. Transferred in July to 7th Regiment, Training School for Bandsmen. In September, 1918, transferred to Bugler's School, 11th Regiment. Appointed Corporal, Dec. 18, 1918. Discharged Jan. 5, 1919, after 8 months' service.

OSCAR H. HILL—Enlisted at Freeport, Ill., June 1, 1918, in the Headquarters Co., 48th Infantry, and was trained in the south. Was discharged Feb. 6, 1919, after 7 months' service.

ROYAL HOLDEN—Entered service at Oregon, Ill., and was assigned to Casual Co., 342 Inf., and was trained at Camp Grant, Ill., and Engr. Barracks, Wash., D.C. He was transferred to Medical Dept., Co. F., 107 Engineers, 32nd Div., and was overseas from July 14, 1918 to Mar. 15, 1919. Saw active service at Soissons and received a shrapnel wound in hand and wrist in Meuse-Argonne battle, Oct. 4, 1918. He was discharged April 1, 1919, after 13 months' service.

VICTOR H. HOLLAR—Entered service at Oregon, Ill., in June, 1918. Served as a corporal in the 527th M.T.C. Was overseas from September, 1918, until July, 1919. Discharged July 18, 1919, after 13 months of service.

PAUL B. HOLSINGER—Son of J. P. Holsinger. Enlisted in U.S. Regulars at Chicago, July 5, 1915. Assigned to Co. B, 9th Infantry, stationed at Laredo, Texas. Transferred to Co. B, 37th Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Entered Officers' Training Camp, Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, May 13, 1918. In July transferred to Officers' Training School, Camp Pike, Ark. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Aug. 26, 1918, and assigned to Seventeenth Division, United States Infantry, Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, La. He was discharged in December, 1918. He spent seven years with the International Petroleum Co., at Tampico, Mexico, where he served as commander of Tampico Post No. 1, American Legion, and later as commander of Mount Morris Post No. 143. He married Anita Melville in 1918, who died in 1935. He is now employed in Chicago.

RAY HOLSINGER—Son of Wm. Holsinger. Entered service with Co. L, 342nd Inf., Camp Grant, Rockford. In November transferred to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, and assigned to Auxiliary Remount Depot 325.

THEODORE HORST—Entered service in October, 1917, at Camp Grant, Rockford, and was assigned to Co. L, 342nd Inf. He contracted pneumonia and after a stay of two months in Base Hospital, he was discharged on Dec. 11, 1917.

ALVIN HURDLE—Enlisted May 16, 1917, in U.S. Cavalry. First sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned to Troop M, 25th Cavalry, in training at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. Promoted to Corporal. Transferred in November to Headquarters Company, 83rd Field Artillery. Transferred in February to Camp Fremont, Calif., and in July to Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla. Arrived overseas in November, 1918. Died in 1930.

OTTO HUTHANSEL—Joined navy at New York City, 1903, and shipped to Newport, R.I., Training Station. He received rank of Chief Boatswain's mate and was transferred to Naval Reserve in 1921. During 18 years' service in the navy he visited most of the European countries, and during the period of the war was occupied in the training of navy recruits. He retired Jan. 1, 1935.

EDWARD J. HYLAND—Enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Milwaukee and was trained at the U.S. Naval Base at Hampton Roads, Va. Was promoted to third class quartermaster. Was discharged in September, 1923.

A. CLARE IRVIN—Son of Arthur C. Irvin. Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford, and was assigned to 342d Inf. Transferred in June to 1st Co., 1st Battalion, 161st Depot Brigade. Later transferred to Co. I, 341st Inf., and sailed for France with 86th Division in September, 1918.

ALFRED IVINS—Served seven years in the regular army. He enlisted at Kalamazoo, Mich., in Co. C, 126th Infantry, and trained at Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex. He served overseas from January, 1918, to April, 1919. He was discharged in May, 1919. He also served eleven years in the 129th Inf. Band, Ill. Nat. Guard.

A. C. JINDRA—Enlisted at Fort Logan, Colo., with 24th Co. Band, as musician, first class. He was transferred Nov. 8, 1918 to 6th Band, C.A.C., Fort Worden, Wash. He was discharged June 16, 1919, after 19 months' service.

AXEL JOHNSON—Enlisted at DeKalb, Ill., June 8, 1915, with the 3rd Ill. Infantry Band, later reorganized to the 129th Infantry. He was trained at San Antonio and Houston, Texas. Received rank of 1st class Musician and was overseas from May, 1918 to May, 1919. Discharged June 6, 1919. He was on the Mexican Border for 8 months and served 2 years in the World War.

MERRITT KEEDY—Son of Howard Keedy. Entered service at Camp Grant, Ill., May 25, 1918, and assigned to Co. 22, 161st Depot Brigade. In November, 1918, transferred to 6th Development Battalion, Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. Discharged Feb. 18, 1919, after 8 months' service. Now living in Chicago.

PAUL KENT—Enlisted at Waukegan, Ill., and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for training, but was discharged June 13, 1918, because physically unfit for service.

CHARLES KIRK—Enlisted in Signal Corps. Trained at Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth, Kan. Promoted in January to Sergeant in Co. C, 6th Field Battalion, Signal Corps. Transferred in June, 1918, to Camp Wadsworth, S. Car. Sailed for France in July, 1918.

HAROLD KNODLE—Son of Mrs. Maggie Knodle. Enlisted in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford, May 16, 1917, and received training at Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Transferred to Co. K, 129th Inf., which later became a part of the 33rd Division. In January, 1918, he was promoted to Corporal. Transferred in April to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France, May 11, 1918. Promoted to Sergeant, July, 1918. Saw active service in Flanders with the British and Australians in the Albert and Amiens sectors. He received Purple Heart for service in the Meuse-Argonne, where he was gassed. Was a member of the Army of Occupation at Luxembourg. Received discharge June, 1919, after 26 months' service.

HUBERT KNODLE—Son of Mrs. Margaret Knodle. Enlisted in Engineering Corps at Columbus, Ohio, and sent to Fort Meyer, Va., for training. Assigned to Co. E, 37th Engineers. Arrived in France in July, 1918. Returned in March, 1919, and discharged April 5, 1919.

JESSE S. LA RUE—Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. Assigned to 9th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. A. Transferred to 308th Machine Gun Battalion, Co. A. Sent overseas in October, 1918. Returned and discharged in May, 1919, after 12 months' service. Now living at Westmont, Ill.

C. J. LAUZON—Enlisted Dec. 17, 1917, at Hibbing, Minn., in the 167th Field Artillery. He was trained at The Presidio, San Francisco, ranked as Private First Class, and was overseas for 6 months. He was discharged at Camp Dodge, Ia., in May, 1919, after 18 months' service.

HAROLD LISTENBERGER — Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford. Assigned to Co. L, 342d Inf. Later transferred to Quartermaster Dept., Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark.

HARVEY L. LONG—Son of Elias Long. Entered service at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., May 25, 1918, and assigned to 152nd Field Hospital, 113th Sanitary Train. In September transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y. Early in October, 1918, sailed for France.

ROY C. LONG—Son of Elias Long. Entered service at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., May 25, 1918. Assigned to 152d Field Hospital, 113th Sanitary Train. In September transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y.

JOSEPH LUNDHOLM — Enlisted at Galesburg, Ill., May 3, 1917, with Supply Co., 60th Artillery C.A.C. He was trained at Fort Hunt, Va., and was overseas from April 23, 1918, to Nov. 11, 1918, and was discharged Feb. 26, 1919, after 23 months' service.

ORLO MADDEN—Son of Rev. David M. Madden. Enlisted in U.S. Marines and sent to Paris Island, S.C. Transferred for guard duty on Pier 72, E. 24th St., New York City. Promoted to corporal in April, 1918.

RALPH K. MAHOY—Enlisted May 16, 1917, in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G. at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Texas. Transferred to Co. K, 129th Infantry, U.S.N.G. In November promoted to Corporal. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France, May 11, 1918. He saw active service in Flanders with the British and Australian troops in the Albert and Amiens sectors. He received Purple Heart for service in Meuse-Argonne, where he was gassed Oct. 7, 1918. He received treatment in hospitals as follows: Field Hospital No. 132, Hospital No. 3 at LaMolette, and Base Hospital No. 66 at Neuf Chateau. Left Hospital center at Brest, France, Dec. 24. Mr. Mahoy was born at Pearl City, Ill., and attended the Freeport High School and Mount Morris College. He worked for a number of years as pressman in the Kable plant, but was compelled to relinquish this work in 1934 because of defective eyesight, due to being gassed during the war. He was married in 1918 to Bessie Keedy.

PAUL MAKEL—Enlisted Dec. 18, 1916, with Co. I, 41st Inf., at Columbus, O. He was trained and saw service on the Mexican Border, later being transferred to Camp Upton, N.Y., and assigned to Recruiting Service in New York City. He was promoted to rank of Corporal in October, 1917, and in January, 1918, to Sergeant. Discharged April 29, 1920, after 3 years and 4 months' service.

HEATHCOTE MANN—Entered service in May, 1918, at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Transferred to Co. M, 322nd Inf., and sent to France in July, 1918. Transferred in August, 1918 to Co. A, 166th Inf., 42nd (Rainbow) Division. Served through St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives, and was member of Army of Occupation on the Rhine. Discharged May 6, 1919, at Camp Custer, Mich., after 12 months' service.

LLOYD W. MARSHALL—Son of John Marshall. Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford. Assigned to Co. 20, 161st Depot Brigade. Promoted to Sergeant in June, 1918. In July, 1918, transferred to Co. M, 342nd Inf., 86th Division. Embarked for France in September, 1918. Died June 11, 1930.

LIEUT. DUDLEY McCOSH—Son of David S. McCosh. Served during the World War in organizing army bands. He was first sent to Corvallis, Ore., to organize 600 draft musicians into band units. He was later sent to Camp Grant to conduct a training school for band masters. He came to Mount Morris in the fall of 1928 to take charge of the Kable band but died in January, 1929.

MAC McCOSH—Son of Dr. G. B. McCosh. Enlisted in the 12th Unit, Medical Corps, from Chicago and sailed for England in May. Transferred to France with the British Expeditionary Forces and promoted to the rank of sergeant. Transferred to the American Expeditionary Forces and commissioned second lieutenant in the statistical Division of the Adjutant General's department of the 32nd Division in Paris.

O. T. McCOY—Enlisted May 16, 1917 in the U.S. Cavalry. First sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned to Troop M, 25th Cavalry, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo. Transferred to Battery D, 13th Field Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas. Transferred to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N.C. Arrived in France in May, 1918. Served in Aisne-Marne sector, participated in the St. Mihiel drive and the Argonne offensive. Was stationed at Cochem, Moselle, in the Army of Occupation. Discharged August, 1919, after 26 months' service.

LEON A. MEDLAR—Enlisted at Oregon, Ill., Feb. 26, 1918. Served in France with Co. 3. Was at Washing Brks., Eng., from Oct. 17, 1918 to May 16, 1919. Discharged at Camp Grant, June 6, 1919, after 16 months' service.

DALE MILLER—Son of Harry Miller. Enlisted in Engineering Corps, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned to Co. D, 5th Eng., in training at Fort Brown, Brownsville, Tex. Arrived at Camp Scurry, Corpus Christi, Tex., Nov. 20. Arrived in France in July, 1918.

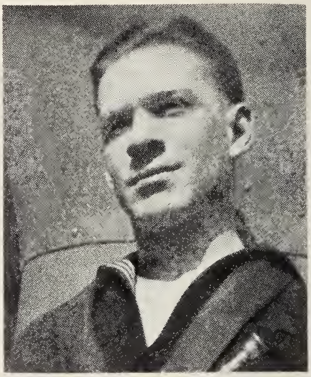
HAROLD MILLER—Son of John H. Miller. Entered service Oct. 15, 1918, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., for special training in radio and sheet metal work. Assigned to Unit B, Co. I, Student Army Training School.

HARVEY MILLER—Son of John D. Miller. Entered service at Camp Grant, April 26, 1918. Assigned to Co. C, 343rd Infantry. Sailed for France in September, 1918. Transferred to Co. D, 109th Inf., and to Co. B, 112th Inf. He served 21 days at the front in the St. Mihiel offensive with the 28th Division. Returned in May, 1919, and discharged May 15, 1919, after 13 months' service.

WILBUR MILLER—Son of John D. Miller. Entered service with Co. A, 344th Infantry. Was trained at Camp Grant and discharged for physical disability Sept. 1, 1918.

ALFRED MOSER—Enlisted at Oregon, Ill., in April, 1918. He first went to Camp Shelby, Miss., but was transferred to New York, and from there to New Cumberland, Penn., with the 341st Fire & Guard. In May, 1919, he was sent to Camp Grant, Rockford, to be discharged and arrived home May 10, 1919, after 12½ months of service. He was a first class private.

FRANK C. MITCHELL—Enlisted at Mt. Carroll, Ill. He served in Co. A, 4th Battalion, Chemical Warfare, and was stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Camp Gordon, Ga. His rank was Private 1st Class. He was discharged Jan. 13, 1919, after serving 7½ months.



MAXWELL MISHLER—Son of C. H. Mishler. Enlisted in the Navy in July, 1918, as a musician at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Assigned to the 17th Regiment Band, Camp Luce. Served as 1st class musician on *U.S.S. Manchuria.* Was discharged July 2, 1919.

RAYMOND P. MOORE—Enlisted at Owenboro, Ky., in April, 1918. Served in France from July, 1918, to April, 1919, as a private in Supply Co., 338th Infantry. Discharged from Camp Taylor, April, 1919.

ELMER R. MORNINGSTAR—Son of John Morningstar. Entered service May 2 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and assigned to Co. C, 55th Infantry.

WILLIAM MOULTON—Enlisted at Ft. Slocum, N.Y., with Co. I, 57th Inf. He attained rank of Bugler, and was later transferred to Co. G, 49th Inf. He was overseas from June, 1918, to January, 1919, and was discharged May 28, 1919, at Camp Dix., N.J., after about 16 months' service.

FRANK A. NACHTMAN—Entered service at Camp Forrest, Ga., in July, 1918. Served at Camp Sheridan, Ala., as a Private, 209th Engineers. Discharged from Camp Dodge, Ia., December, 1918, after 5 months' service.

CLIFFORD NEWCOMER—Son of Henry H. Newcomer. Enlisted in Navy as mechanic's mate in hydroplane service and reported May 6 at U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. Assigned to Co. A, 6th Regiment. Transferred in July to Co. 12, 15th Regiment, Aviation Camp. In October, 1918, transferred to Naval

Aerial Station, Fort Tilden, Long Island, N.Y., Rockaway Beach. Was discharged Sept. 30, 1921.

MISS GRACE NEWCOMER—Daughter of Melchor S. Newcomer. Enrolled as Red Cross nurse. Left Aug. 13, 1918, for New York City to report for service. Sailed Sept. 20 for overseas duty. Died 1932.

WALTER OLSEN—Entered service at St. Paul, Minn., with S.A.T.C., Dunwoody Institute. He was discharged Dec. 14, 1918, after 3 months' service.

DANIEL PALMER—Son of David Palmer. Entered service May 2 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas. Arrived in France. Died Oct. 10, 1918, of pneumonia and was buried in France with full military honors.

HAROLD R. PALMER—Enlisted April 27, 1914, at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., with Troop H, 2nd U.S. Cavalry. Was in overseas service, April, 1918 to July, 1919. Discharged at Fort Riley, Kansas, July 14, 1920.

ROBERT J. PALMER—Enlisted at Des Moines, Ia., with Ordnance Corps., and was trained at Camp Dodge, Ia. He was overseas from July 9, 1918 to July 31, 1919, and was discharged Aug. 6, 1919, after 21 months' service.

CHARLES PARROTT—Enlisted at Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 22, 1917, and served with the 117th Infantry. Was in France and Belgium from May 11, 1918 to March 27, 1919. He was discharged from Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., April 13, 1919, after 19 months' service.

GEORGE H. PAUL—Son of Christ Paul. Enlisted July 24, 1917, at Rockford, Ill., with seven other Mount Morris boys, in Co. K, 3rd Ill. Inf., which was later transferred to 129th Infantry. Left Rockford for training at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, Sept. 13, 1917. Left for France May 16, 1918, and served with the same company against the enemy at Villers-Bretneaux, Albert and Verdun. On Sept. 29, 1918, while serving on the Verdun Front was struck by shrapnel from a six-inch gun which caused the loss of the left leg and the hearing in the left ear, the ear drum being ruptured by the concussion of the bursting shell. Spent about two months in various hospitals in France and then left St. Nazaire as a stretcher patient on Nov. 22, arriving in the U.S.A. Dec. 9, after a voyage of seventeen days, nine of which were a continual, severe storm. He was sent to Orthopedic Hospital at Fort Snelling, St. Paul, Minn., and was discharged from that place May 22, 1919, after spending about eight months in the hospital.

DR. C. J. PRICE—Enlisted at Rockford, July 14, 1918. Was commissioned captain July 26, 1918. Was sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Aug. 22, started overseas Oct. 4, 1918, and was on active duty in France until June 21, 1919. While in France Dr. Price was commanding officer of Camp Hospital No. 39 at La Rochelle. He was discharged June 26 at Camp Dix, N.J., after 11 months' service.

MAURICE L. QUINLAN—Enlisted at Ft. Slocum, N.Y., in the 121st Aero Squadron. He was trained at Kelly Field, Texas, and Langley Field, Va. Served 11 months and had rank of sergeant.

EDWARD RANEY—Son of Jacob Raney. Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford. Assigned to Co. L, 342d Inf. Later transferred to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., and assigned to Base Hospital. He was discharged Mar. 5, 1919, after 18 months' service.

ELI H. RANEY—Son of Jacob Raney. Entered service May 2, 1918, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and assigned to Co. A, 55th Inf. In July transferred at Camp Merritt, N.J., to Co. D, 104th Inf. Arrived in France in August, 1918. Was slightly wounded in the Argonne campaign.

GUERDON REED—Entered service Oct. 8, 1918, at Plattville Normal S.A.T.C., Plattville, Wis., and was discharged Dec. 21, 1918, after 2 months' service.

JNO. HOWARD RIDENOUR—Son of John Ridenour. Enlisted as mechanic and sent Aug. 13, 1918, to Lewis Institute, Chicago, for instruction and training. In October, transferred to Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa., and assigned to Casual Detachment.

JOHN RANEY—Son of Jacob Raney. Entered service May 2 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, and assigned to Co. E, 55th Inf. In July transferred to Camp Merritt, N.J. Arrived in France in August, 1918. Took part in St. Mihiel drive and in the Argonne.

JOHN RIEKEN—Son of Peter Rieken. Entered service at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa. Assigned to Battery F, 338th Field Artillery. Promoted to Chief Mechanic. In September, 1918, he arrived in France, where he served until February, 1919. Now living at Dell Rapids, S. Dak.

RUSSEL ROBERTSON—Entered service at Camp Grant, Rockford, and placed in Field Hospital No. 344, 311th Sanitary Train. In July transferred to Camp Mills, N.J., and in September arrived in France. Died in East Africa and lies buried there.

DANIEL F. RODERMUND—Son of August Rodermund. Entered service in Casual Co. 2, 342nd Inf., Camp Grant, Rockford. Transferred in June to Co. F, 1st Replacement Reg. of Engineers, Washington Barracks, D.C. Sent overseas in September, 1918, and returned in May, 1919. Discharged June 6, 1919.

FRED ROSS—Son of Mrs. Elizabeth Ross. Entered service in May, 1918, and sent to Minneapolis. In July assigned to Co. 29, 8th Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade, Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia. In November, 1918, transferred to Camp Grant, Ill., and entered the Infantry Central Officers Training School. Assigned to 2nd Company, 2nd Battalion. Now lives at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

HAROLD ROSS—Entered U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., as cadet, and served from June, 1917, to June, 1918.

JAMES ROUSE—Entered service July 23, 1918, Battery F, 129th Field Artillery, and was trained at Fort Riley, Kans. He was promoted to rank of sergeant and was discharged Feb. 29, 1919, after 7 months' service.

GERALD G. SANDERSON—Enlisted at Nashville, Tenn., in Co. G, 1st Inf., Tenn. Nat. Guard, and was transferred to Headquarters Co., 117 Inf., 30th Div. He was trained at Camp Sevier, S. Car., and promoted to sergeant. Was sent overseas in April, 1918, and returned in March, 1919. Discharged at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

HARRY SCHMUCKER—Enlisted at Dixon, Ill., in April, 1917, in the Motor Transportation Corps, U.S.A., and was trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was promoted to corporal. He contracted pneumonia in December, 1917, and was in hospital until his discharge May 23, 1918, after 13 months' service.

FRANK SECKY—Enlisted in the New York National Guard in 1917. During the war served in the 42nd Machine Gun Battalion, 50th Infantry, and trained at Fort Riley, Kans.

DWIGHT SHARER—Son of Chas. H. Sharer. In September, 1918, entered S.A.T.C. of Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill. Was discharged Dec. 17, 1918, after 3 months' service.

WENTWORTH SHARER—Son of Chas. H. Sharer. Volunteered in U.S. Cavalry, and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Later assigned to 17th Cavalry Band, stationed at Douglas, Ariz. Transferred to 8th Cavalry with rank of corporal. Discharged Aug. 13, 1919.

HOWARD SHAW—Son of Oliver Shaw. Entered service May 20 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. Car., and assigned to Battery A, 10th Battalion. In June, 1918, transferred to 7th Regiment, Training School for Clerks. In September promoted to sergeant and assigned to Battery E, 11th Regiment, Field Artillery Officers Training School at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and assigned to 41st Training Battalion. In November, 1918, honorably discharged.

HUBERT SHAW—Son of Oliver Shaw. Entered Engineers' Officers' Training School at Camp Lee, Va., June 3, 1918. In August, 1918, assigned to Co. A, 605th Engineers, Camp Forrest, Ga. Promoted to Sergeant and sent overseas before completion of course. Arrived in October, 1918. Died 1928.

EARL C. SHUGARS—Son of James Shugars. Entered service with Casual Co. 2, 342nd Infantry, Camp Grant, Rockford. Transferred in June to Co. H, 1st Replacement Regiment of Engineers, Washington Barracks, D.C.

PAUL H. SHERRICK—Son of Prof. M. M. Sherrick. Enlisted Aug. 5 at Traverse City, Mich., in Quartermaster Dept. Transferred to Clerical Dept., Signal Corps, at Grand Rapids. Sent to Columbus, Ohio, receiving station and then to Camp Alfred Vail, N.J., and assigned to Co. D, 422nd Telegraph Battalion. In October, 1918, transferred to Camp Merritt, N.J., and sailed for France.

CARL SHOWE—Enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Des Moines, Iowa, and was trained at the Great Lakes Naval Station. His rank was 1st Class Engineman, and he made six trips across the Atlantic. He was discharged Nov. 20, 1919, after two years' service.

ROSS SILVIUS—Enlisted at Camp Zachary Taylor in the 21st Co., 6th Battalion, on Sept. 4, 1918, but being under weight was discharged as physically unfit for service.

CLAUDE SMITH—Son of Chas. Smith. Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. Assigned to 150th Ambulance Co., 113th Sanitary Train, 38th Div. In September, 1918, transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, N.Y., and arrived safely overseas in October, 1918. Died of influenza in Alexandra Park Hospital, England, and buried with full military honors at Willow Grove Cemetery, Reddish, England. Body was brought to Mount Morris for burial in October, 1920.

JESSE SMITH—Enlisted July, 1917, with Co. K, 3rd Ill. Nat. Guard, at Camp Grant, Ill. Was discharged in August, 1917, because of physical disability.

CHARLES H. SPIKER—Enlisted at Great Falls, Mont., in Co. M, 306th Inf. Was sent overseas in August, 1918; returned and was discharged in May, 1919.

WILLIAM B. STIGER—Enlisted in September, 1918, at Claremore, Okla., in Co. 260, 15th Sanitary Train, and was trained at Camp Logan, Tex. Was discharged Feb. 1, 1919.

FRED STEFFEN—Enlisted in the navy at Milwaukee and was trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and Hampton Roads, Va. He served on the Battleship Missouri as first class seaman and second class gunner's mate from June, 1918, until January, 1919. Was discharged Jan. 25, 1919.

HARRY STOUFFER—Entered service December, 1917, at Gordon, Nebr., with C. Co., 313th Signal Battalion. He was appointed cook and was trained at Lincoln, Nebr., and Leavenworth, Kans. Discharged June 19, 1919, after 18 months' service.

MARTIN STOUFFER.—Entered service with Co. L, 342nd Inf., Camp Grant, Rockford. In December, 1917, transferred to Headquarters Co., 161st Depot Brigade. In February, 1918, appointed corporal clerk. In July, 1918, transferred to Camp Raritan, Metuchen, N.J., and assigned to Co. C.

JOHN H. STOVER—Son of Mrs. Sarah Stover. Enlisted in January, 1918, at San Francisco, and assigned to Quartermaster's Corps. Later transferred to Camp Joseph E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., and assigned to Chauffeur's Co., No. 1. Arrived in France in July, 1918. In August transferred to Motor Transport Corps, School No. 1. Later assigned to Prov. Co. C, in motor transport service.

JOSEPH STRITE—Enlisted in June, 1918, at Oregon, Ill., in the 310th M.T.C. Was trained at Kansas City, Mo., and promoted to corporal. Was sent overseas in October, 1918. He returned and was discharged in September, 1919, after 15 months' service.

HENRY CARL SUTER—Son of Samuel Suter. Entered service May 25, 1918, at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., and assigned to Co. A, 138th Machine Gun Battalion. In September, 1918, transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, and arrived overseas early in October.

WORTHINGTON H. THOMAS—Son of Noble Thomas. Enlisted in Students' Army Training Corps, Sept. 29, 1918, and was assigned to Company B, University of Illinois Training School, Champaign, Ill. Discharged Dec. 17, 1918.

JAMES TICE—Son of Cleg Tice. On Nov. 27, 1917, commissioned first lieutenant of Infantry at the Reserve Officers Training Camp, Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and assigned to Camp Grant. In February transferred to the 311th Cavalry, U.S. Regular Army, and sent to Fort Riley, Kans. Promoted to official squadron adjutant of Troops E, F, G, and H. In August, 1918, made Personnel Adjutant, 68th Field Artillery, West Point, Ky. In September, 1918, promoted to Captain. In November, 1918, appointed Personnel Adjutant and Assistant Secretary to the Commandant of the School of Fire for Artillery Officers at Fort Sill, Okla.

E. R. TILDEN—Enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Chicago, Ill. He trained at Great Lakes, Ill., and served as a member of the Armed Guard Crew on the transport "Amphion" during her useful life—Sept. 20, 1917, to June 15, 1918. He was then Radioman on the merchant ship "Arundo" to the end of the war. He made six trips overseas. Was discharged Dec. 15, 1919, after serving 3 years and 2 months.

CHARLES TOWNS—Entered service at LaSalle, Ill., in July, 1918, as musician with the 23rd Recruit Co., C.A.C., and was trained at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He was discharged Dec. 21, 1919, after 5 months' service. He died at Hines Hospital Feb. 8, 1937.

GLEN UNGER—Son of Grant Unger. Enlisted in Co. K, 3rd I.N.G., at Rockford. Sent for training to Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Transferred to Co. K, 129th Inf., U.S.N.G. In November promoted to corporal. Transferred in April, 1918, to Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y. Sailed for France on May 11, 1918. On June 14, his Division (33rd, Illinois National Guard) was used in line with the British command, near Amiens, and later with the Australians at Hamel. He participated in the Verdun sector during the Meuse-Argonne battle and was a member of the Army of Occupation, stationed in Luxembourg. He was discharged in June, 1919, after 26 months' service.

GRANT UNGER, JR.—Son of Grant Unger. Enlisted in U.S. Navy. Sent for training to the U.S. Navel Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill. March 12, transferred to Philadelphia and assigned to duty on U.S.S. New Hampshire.

WALTER WADDELOW—Enlisted in Field Hospital Service, Co. 344, Camp Grant, Rockford. Sent to France with 86th Division in September, 1918.

IRA M. WAGENMAN. Enlisted May 22, Co. A, 311th Field Signal Battalion, Camp Grant, Ill. Sent to France with 86th Division in September, 1918. Promoted to Corporal.

CARL W. WAGNER—Was with 86th Div. He died in 1925.

HAROLD WALKUP—Son of Chas. Walkup, enlisted at Evanston, Ill., in Co. B, S.A.T.C. He was in training three months and was discharged Oct. 17, 1918.

GEORGE WARWICK—Enlisted at Ames, Iowa, May, 1918, in Quartermaster Dept. Unassigned. Was discharged in May, 1919.

DONALD F. WYNNE—Entered service in U.S. Navy at Chicago, Ill. He was trained at Rhode Island as gunner's mate, and was discharged Feb. 14, 1919, after 8 months' service.

WILLIAM WATSON—Entered service with Casual Co. 2, 342 Infantry, Camp Grant, Rockford. In June, 1918, sent to Camp J. E. Johnston, Detention Co. No. 5, Jacksonville, Fla. In July assigned to Field Remount Squadron No. 309 and transferred to Camp Hill, Newport News, Va. Promoted to corporal. Sailed for France in September, 1918. Promoted to sergeant. Returned and discharged in July, 1919.

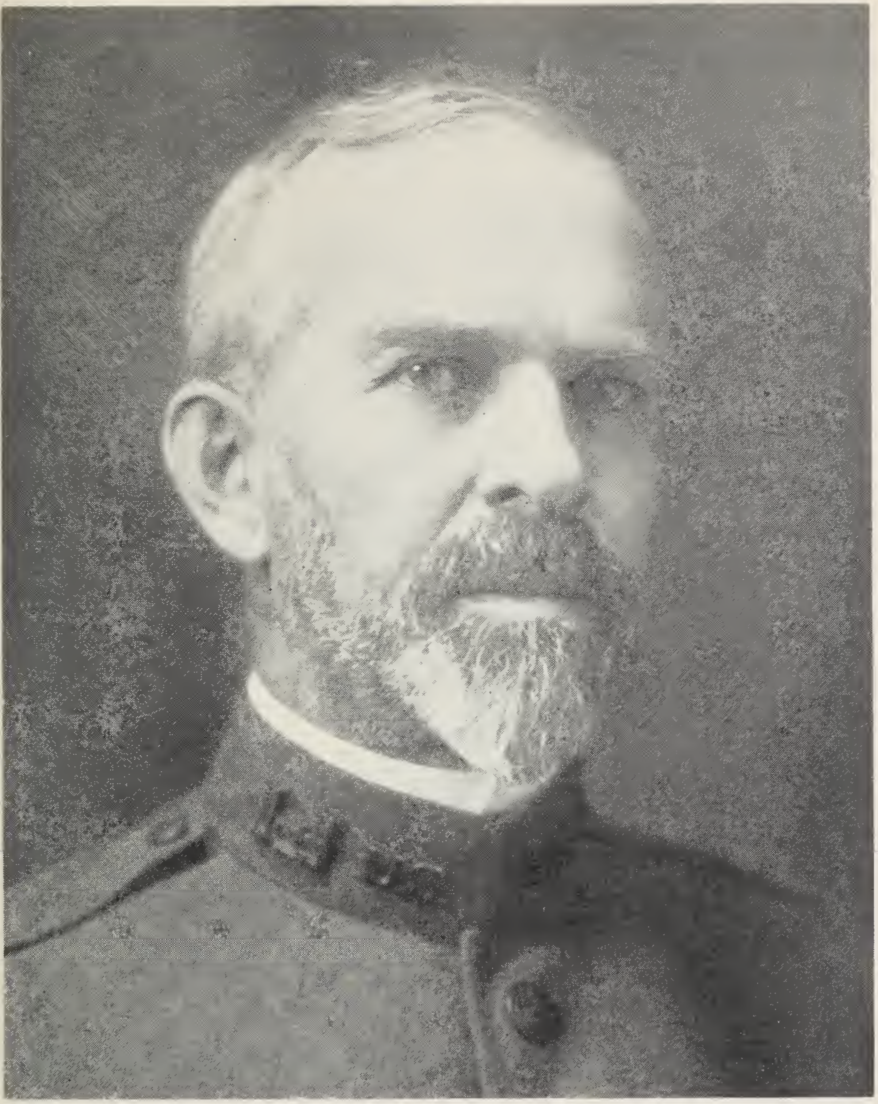
ROBERT R. WATTS—Son of Gera Watts. Entered service at Mason, Minn., district. Assigned to Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., and transferred to Camp Mills, Mineola, N.Y., as a member of Headquarters Co., 139th Infantry. Arrived in France in April, 1918. Now in Soldiers & Sailors Home, Danville, Ill.

THOMAS WILSON—Enlisted at Corunna, Mich., Nov. 18, 1917. He served as Auto Mechanic in aviation with Co. 10. He was in France from Feb. 10, 1918, to Mar. 11, 1919. Discharged from Camp Sherman, Ohio, May 1, 1919, after 17 months' service.

BERT WINDERS—Enlisted in Canadian Expeditionary Forces, April, 1916, and assigned to 131st Battalion, Machine Gun Section. Sailed for England in the fall of 1916. Was very severely wounded at Vimy Ridge during the Battle of Arras, April 9, 1917, which crippled one leg and one arm. Was taken to Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool, England, May 9th. Invalided home in January, 1918, and sent to Ontario Military Hospital, Cobourg, Ontario. In July, 1918, transferred to Queens Military Hospital, Kingston, Ontario. In November honorably discharged at Vancouver, B.C.

CLIFFORD C. WINDLE—Enlisted from University of Illinois with Headquarters Co., 40th Infantry, stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

MILO D. ZIMMERMAN—Son of Rev. H. E. Zimmerman. Entered service May 20 at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Transferred to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S.C., and assigned to Battery A, 10th Battalion, Field Artillery Replacement Depot. Promoted to Sergeant in July, 1918. Discharged Jan. 11, 1919, after 8 months' service.



HENRY CLAY NEWCOMER, Brigadier-General, U. S. Army, retired, is a Mount Morris boy who made a fine record in the United States Army. He was the son of Dr. David and Mary Shelley (Funk) Newcomer, and was born in Upton, Pa., April 3, 1861. He was brought to Mount Morris by his parents when he was ten years old and graduated from the Mount Morris Public Schools and Mount Morris College. He taught school in the vicinity of Mount Morris and entered the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in June, 1882, from which he graduated with top honors in a class of 77 in June, 1886. He served in the engineering branch of the army and was gradually promoted to First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Colonel and Brigadier-General. He served four years as an instructor at West Point and had many other important assignments, including one in the Hawaiian Islands. In 1886, he was married to Rebecca E. Kosier and they had three children, Harry S., Francis K., and David A. Mrs. Newcomer died in 1913 and in 1915 he was again married, to Mrs. Lily A. Foster (nee Armour). Gen. Newcomer lives at "The Ontario," Washington, D.C.

LOCAL ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS

BESIDES the 129th Infantry Band, which is the regimental band of that regiment of the Illinois National Guard, with headquarters in Mount Morris, there are a number of local men belonging to the reserves who would be subject to call in case of war, as follows:

Major C. J. Price, Medical Reserve, Executive Officer, 73rd Evacuation Hospital.

Captain Howard Bronson, Illinois National Guard, Intelligence Officer, 129th Infantry.

Captain J. Harvey Wright, Infantry Reserve, Plans and Training Officer, 420th Tank Regiment.

Captain D. E. Riedl, Dental Reserve, Medical Detachment, 420th Tank Regiment.

1st Lieut. Harry G. Kable, Illinois National Guard Reserve.

1st Lieut. H. G. Dohlen, Quartermaster Reserve, 1st Replacement Center.

1st Lieut. O. T. McCoy, Field Artillery Reserve, 330th Field Artillery.

1st Lieut. Murray Dumont, Medical Reserve, 73rd Evacuation Hospital.

2nd Lieut. Wm. Earl Hovis, Infantry Reserve, no organization assignment.

Private Raymond H. Moody, Enlisted Reserve, Company B, 420th Tank Regiment.

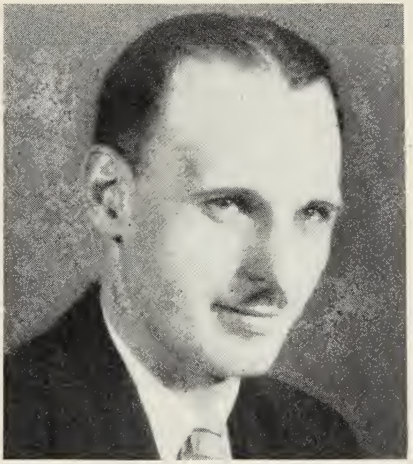
Chapter 14

THE POST OFFICE

DURING the first few years after the settlement of Mount Morris Township the mail service was very limited, for since there were no railroads in this vicinity all of the mail had to be brought by stage. The first regular mail service in Mount Morris was started in 1839 by a stage line running from LaSalle to Brewster's Ferry. It was known as route number 2838 through LaSalle, Brookfield, Winooski, Grand Detour, Mount Morris, Boonsboro and Freeport, to Brewster's Ferry, 90 miles and back once a week. The contractor was Leonard Andrews, and the schedule for service was as follows: Leave LaSalle every Monday at 6 a.m.; arrive at Brewster's Ferry the next Wednesday at 6 p.m. Leave Brewster's Ferry every Thursday at 6 a.m.; arrive at LaSalle the next Saturday by 6 p.m.

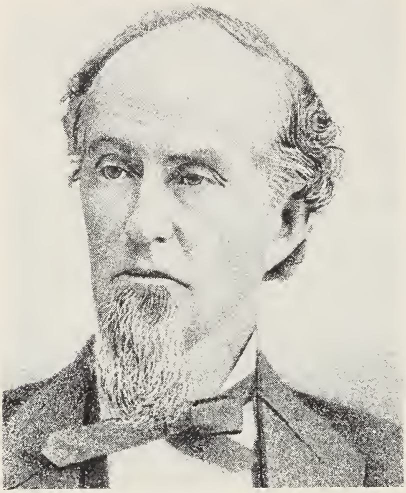
Mails were brought by stage for probably fifteen years until the Illinois Central Railroad was built through Polo in 1853 and a mail route was established from that place. F. B. Brayton, who was postmaster from 1863 to 1881, operated a stage line between Polo through Mount Morris to Oregon in 1864 and carried both mail and passengers from that time until the building of the Chicago and Iowa Railroad through Mount Morris in 1871. This stage operated by Mr. Brayton made daily trips between Polo and Oregon thus affording Mount Morris people their daily mail.

After the building of the Chicago and Iowa Railroad through Mount Morris and the passage of numerous Illinois Central trains over the lines to Chicago, Mount Morris had very good mail service for many years. After the Illinois Central built its own route to Chicago the mails became somewhat less frequent and eventually all train mail service through Mount Morris was discontinued and the mails are now being picked up by the bus at Oregon three times a day.

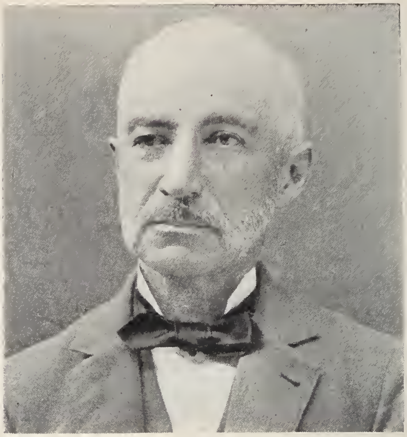


DWIGHT S. SHARER, postmaster of Mount Morris, is the son of Charles H. and Susan (McCosh) Sharer and was born in Mount Morris August 10, 1900. He graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1918 and attended Mount Morris College for two years. He graduated from Northwestern University at Evanston in 1922 and received an "N" in basketball. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. He is an accomplished musician and was a former member of the Kable Band and traveled with the University of Iowa State Military Band on a Chautauqua tour. In 1919, he played with the Allied War Veterans' Band in Boston, Mass. After his graduation, he worked in Chicago for a number of years and returned to Mount Morris in 1932. He was appointed Acting Postmaster in July, 1935, and received the regular appointment in February, 1936. He is president of the local Kiwanis Club and Commander of the American Legion Post. Mr. Sharer was married in 1930 to Myrtle Sharpness and they have two children, Richard Lee and Suzanne.

The records of the Post Office Department indicate that the Mount Morris Post Office was established March 31, 1841, and was opened for business on May 4 of that year. John Sharp was the first postmaster and his compensation from May 4 to June 30, 1841, was $3.86, and the net proceeds of the office for that period were $1.01. The compensation of Postmaster Sharp for the entire fiscal year, 1843, was $138.69 and the net proceeds of the office for that period were $258.42.



FREDERICK G. PETRIE was postmaster in Mount Morris from May, 1843, to February, 1849, and again from June, 1853, to October, 1855. He was also connected with many of the early business enterprises of Mount Morris. He was the son of Stephen and Lidia (Genery) Petrie and was born Aug. 22, 1818, at Kingston, Canada. He came to Mount Morris in 1840 and the first two years he was engaged in chopping wood for the Seminary and making brick. In 1843, he engaged in the mercantile business with Enoch Wood under the firm name of Wood & Petrie. In 1851, H. J. Farwell bought out Mr. Wood and the firm name was changed to Petrie & Farwell. Later Mr. Petrie was connected with Brayton, Baker & Petrie in operating a sawmill and he lost a hand in an accident in the mill. In 1858, he was elected Sheriff of Ogle County and moved to Oregon. He served one term as Sheriff, and was elected Circuit Clerk in 1860. In 1873, he was elected County Judge, which position he held until 1877. Mr. Petrie was married in 1840 to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. John Sharp. Their first child, John R., was the first child born in Mount Morris (Feb. 17, 1841). There are two other sons and three daughters. Mrs. Petrie died in 1853 and within a year Mr. Petrie married Mrs. Mary S. Hill. They had one daughter, Mary E., who married Rev. W. M. Satterfield. Mr. Petrie died in 1887 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.



FREDERICK B. BRAYTON served as postmaster of Mount Morris for five consecutive terms from 1861 to 1882. He was born in Warren County, N.Y., Aug. 10, 1818, and came to Mount Morris with his father, Rev. Daniel Brayton, in 1841. It is said that they opened the first store in Mount Morris. This store stood at the present location of Schmucker's Cafe, formerly the residence of Jesse Bollinger. It was first a general store, but later all lines were dropped except drugs and books. After the death of his father in 1850, he associated with H. D. Judson, under the firm name of Brayton & Judson. Later Elias Baker was associated with him with the name of Brayton & Baker, and still later John P. Hand became a partner. In 1873, Mr. Brayton's son entered the business and inherited it when the father died in 1897. He was connected with Rock River Seminary in the early days, having held the position of secretary and trustee of the institution. He was married in 1842 to Charlotte L. Wheeler, and they were the parents of five children. The eldest, Ernest W., met his death at the age of eleven years, through an accident in his father's saw mill, which was located on the Hilger farm just south of town. The other children were Elizabeth (Mrs. John P. Hand), Florence (Mrs. Wm. N. Gilbert), Lillie (Mrs. Wm. H. Miller), and Arthur W. Brayton. Mr. Brayton died Dec. 10, 1897, aged 79 years, and the mother died in 1885.

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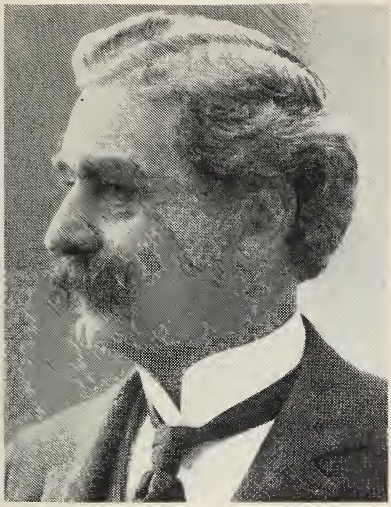
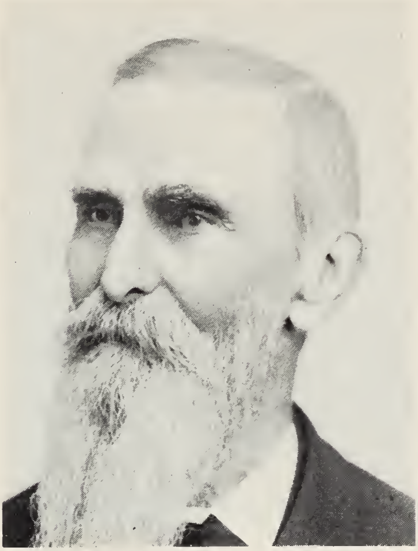


OLIVER H. SWINGLEY, who was postmaster of Mount Morris from February, 1882, to January, 1886, was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 17, 1842, and died in Mount Morris, June 17, 1921, aged nearly 79 years. He came to Mount Morris in the early forties with his parents, Benjamin and Catherine (Hersney) Swingley. He lived on his father's farm when a boy and later attended Rock River Seminary. During the Civil War he served in the 4th Cavalry, with the rank of second lieutenant. When he returned from the war, he married Augusta Alden, and they lived in the house later occupied by J. G. Royer. They had six children: Fred, Mrs. Maude Tate, Mrs. Florence Niswanger, Mrs. Gertrude Evans, Mabel Swingley and a son who died in infancy. Mrs. Swingley died in 1908. Mr. Swingley conducted a drug store in Mount Morris for a number of years beginning in 1868 and later a jewelry store. Later he served as cashier of the Bank of Mount Morris for Maj. Chas. Newcomer, and then located in Omaha for over 20 years, returning to Mount Morris to retire.

than one ounce were as follows: Mail not exceeding 30 miles, 6c; over 30 and not exceeding 90 miles, 10c; over 80 and not exceeding 150 miles, 12½c; over 150 and not exceeding 400 miles, 18¾c; over 400 miles, 25c.

During the 96 years that Mount Morris post office has been in existence, there have been only fifteen postmasters and the records of the Post Office Department give the names of these postmasters and the effective dates of their appointments as follows:

John Sharp	March 31, 1841
Frederick G. Petrie	May 15, 1843
Enoch Wood	Feb. 19, 1849
John Ankeny	March 23, 1849
Frederick G. Petrie	June 29, 1853

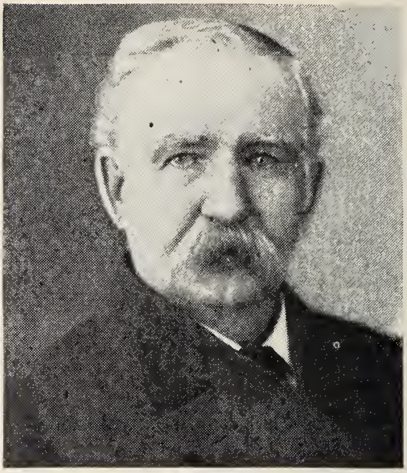


HENRY SHARER was postmaster in Mount Morris from January, 1886, to January, 1890. He was one of the very earliest settlers in Mount Morris. He was born in Washington County, Md., March 29, 1817, and died March 5, 1905, aged nearly 88 years. He was the son of John and Anna (Newcomer) Sharer, and was the youngest of three children. In 1839, Mr. Sharer came west to Mount Morris and purchased land east of town, including the farm now owned by Jacob Bonar. He continued to farm until about 1865, when he came to town and purchased the grocery business of Henry Newcomer and took in John Swingley as a partner, with the firm name of Sharer & Swingley. They were located in the large new building on the southeast corner of Wesley and Main Sts. After a number of years they sold out to William Rine. He was a member of the village board for eight years, was school director for six years and was postmaster of Mount Morris for four years under the first Cleveland administration. In 1845, Mr. Sharer married Cornelia Motter, to whom five children were born: John, Anna E. (Mrs. J. H. Swingley), Luella M. (Mrs. W. W. Wheeler), and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Sharer died in 1853, and Mr. Sharer married again in 1858, to Mrs. Sarah A. (Felker) Hewitt. To them one child was born, Chas. H.. who later became a prominent business man in Mount Morris.

Hiram Beard	Oct. 20, 1855
Edward Davis	June 23, 1856
Fred B. Brayton	May 21, 1861
Oliver H. Swingley	Feb. 17, 1882
Henry Sharer	Jan. 13, 1886
Frank N. Tice	Jan. 9, 1890
John E. McCoy	Feb. 16, 1894
Holly C. Clark	March 9, 1898
Solomon E. Avey	June 24, 1914
Benjamin S. Price	Jan. 30, 1923
Dwight S. Sharer	June 30, 1935

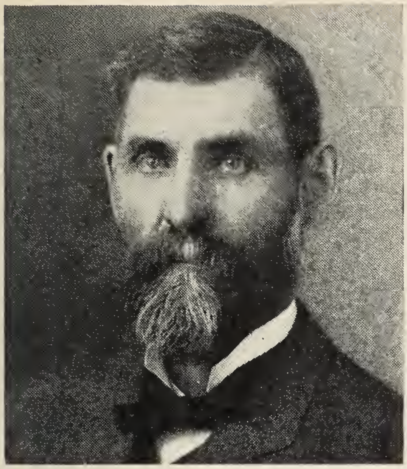
Up to the year of 1900, the post office in Mount Morris was quite unimportant and as a general rule the post office was housed in mercantile establishments with the merchant as postmaster. However, in the year 1900, when the gross receipts were only $3,906.00, the business of the post office began to increase by leaps and bounds. In 1910 they were $9,053.00; in 1920, $76,275.00; in 1930, they had jumped to $388,866.00 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, $487,178.00. At the rate of increase attained during these last years, the postal receipts will doubtless exceed the half million mark for the next fiscal year. In the year 1919, the Mount Morris post office became a first-class office and at the present time the postal receipts in the Mount Morris office are exceeded in Illinois only by Chicago, Peoria, Rockford and Springfield.

FRANKLIN N. TICE was appointed postmaster by Pres. Harrison in 1890 and served four years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Dec. 20, 1828, and was the only son of John and Nancy (Newcomer) Tice. He was married in 1850 to Catherine Felker and in 1855 brought his wife and two children to Mount Morris. Later he engaged in the grain and lumber business at Haldane and then moved to a farm north of Forreston. In 1874, he moved to Forreston and in 1876 he established the Forreston Herald. He was elected to the State Legislature from 1875 to 1880, and moved to a farm northeast of Mount Morris. Later he moved to town and died July 25, 1896, aged 68 years.



JOHN E. McCOY was postmaster in Mount Morris from 1894 to 1898. He was born in Mount Morris Jan. 22, 1842, and died Jan. 26, 1922, aged 80 years. He was the son of James B. and Elizabeth (Swingley) McCoy, pioneer settlers of Mount Morris, and was the second child born in the village. His father was the contractor who built the original "Old Sandstone" in 1839. Mr. McCoy was educated in the public school and at Rock River Seminary, after which he farmed until appointed postmaster of Mount Morris in 1894. In 1865, he was married to Mary Ellen Swingley, and four children were born to them: Mabel (Mrs. Victor Canode), Grace (Mrs. Frank Coffman), Charles B. and Howard, who died at the age of eleven. Mrs. McCoy died in 1906. Mr. McCoy was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Masonic fraternity.

It is very unusual for a city with a population of approximately 2,000 to produce a half million dollars in postal receipts in one year but this remarkable fact in Mount Morris is due to the large

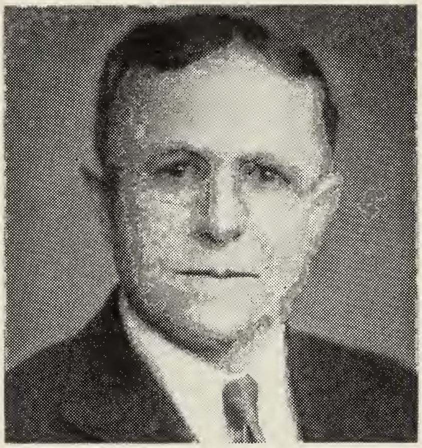


HOLLY C. CLARK was postmaster of Mount Morris from 1898 to 1914. He was born in Beckett, Mass., Nov. 20, 1847, and died in Mount Morris, April 8, 1924, aged over 76 years. In his youth, Mr. Clark worked on his father's farm until 1863, when he enlisted in Co. B, 37th Mass. Infantry, taking part in nearly all of the terrible fighting before Richmond. He was severely wounded at the battle of Sailor Creek and the effect of this wound remained with him until his death. After the war he continued his education and taught school in the East, and located in Mount Morris in 1873, where he was actively engaged in business and political life for a period of 51 years. In the eighties he and Ira W. Wingert purchased the grocery store of Benjamin Rine and after several years sold to Newcomer Bros. Later Messrs. Clark and Wingert went into the lumber and coal business and after a number of years Mr. Clark sold his interest to Mr. Wingert. Mr. Clark was married in 1875 to Josephine, youngest daughter of Rev. N. J. Stroh, and four children were born to them: Roscoe, Riner, Grace and an infant son who lived only a week. Mrs. Clark died in 1934.

amount of second and third class mail matter produced by Kable Brothers Company.

It is something to be proud of, and certainly most unusual, when you consider that the Mount Morris post office started out 96 years ago with annual receipts of less than 5.00 with the postmaster as the only employe and today it exceeds the half million dollar mark with a force of fourteen employes including the postmaster. The annual payroll of the office in 1937 was approximately $35,000.00.

The Mount Morris post office has always been located in leased quarters until in 1937 when a fine new federal post office was completed. Under authority of the Emergency Construction Program Act, approved Aug. 12, 1935, $73,000.00 was allotted by the government for the Mount Morris post office to include the cost of site, building and administration. September 15, 1936, this amount was increased $2,800.00, making the total limit of $75,800.

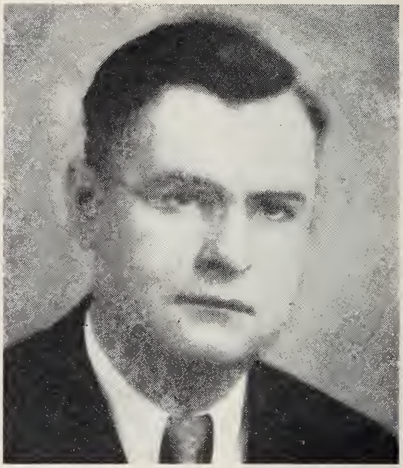


SOLOMON E. AVEY served as postmaster from July, 1914, to March, 1923. He is the son of Thomas and Laura (Davis) Avey and was born in Mount Morris August 9, 1872. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School and attended Mount Morris College two years. For a number of years he was a painting contractor and later proprietor of a book and paint store. He was appointed postmaster in 1914 and since 1923 has been foreman of the mailing and shipping department in the Kable plant. He has served on the Village Board of Trustees and was president one year of the grade school board. He is a Past Master of the local Masonic Lodge and is also a member of the Eastern Star, the Knights Templar, Consistory and Shrine. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and president of the Sunset Golf Club since 1937. Mr. Avey was married to Isabelle Beard Dec. 25, 1895, and they have six children as follows: Gladys (married Chas. Edson), Syril E. (married Lulu Pyper), Olive Bea (married Jule Rohleder), Oliver Maurice (died Dec. 1922), Nellie Mae (married Milton Johnson), and Floy G.

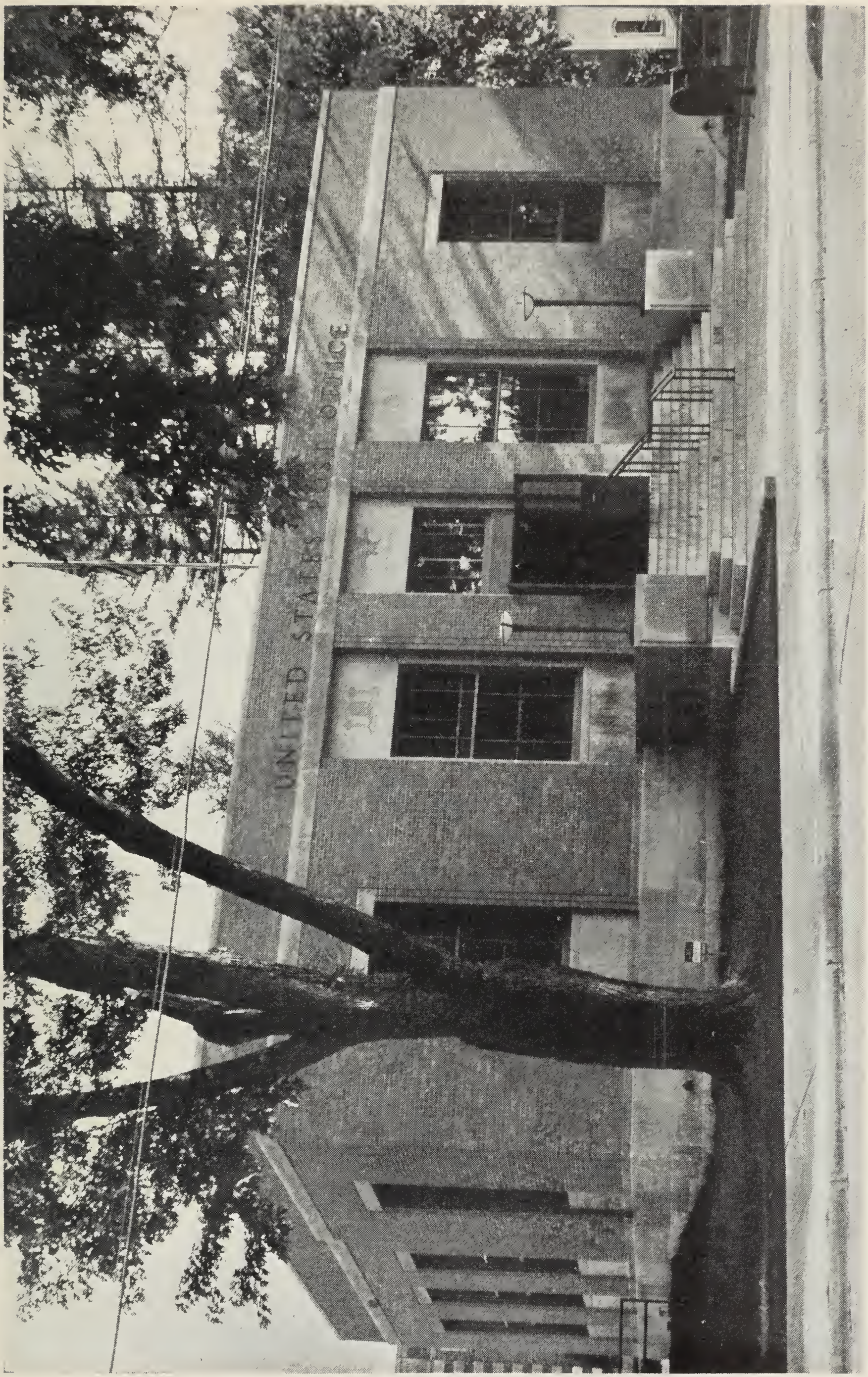
BENJAMIN S. PRICE, postmaster of Mount Morris from 1923 to 1935, was the son of Samuel C. and Elizabeth (Young) Price and was born in Mount Morris, February 27, 1876. He graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1892 and from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1897. He started in the hardware business in 1893 and after fifteen years in that business he became associated with the Citizens Bank for ten years. He was appointed postmaster in 1923 and served twelve years under Presidents Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. He was instrumental in securing the new post office building which was built in 1936 and 1937. He served on the Village Board of Trustees for two terms. Mr. Price was married in 1903 to Alice Bechtold and their home is at 314 E. Center Street.

Sites were advertised for and after investigation, selection was made of the property submitted by the Kable News Company, situated at the Southeast corner of Main St. and Seminary Ave., which was purchased at a cost of $3,000. Announcement of this selection was made on Sept. 26, 1935, and title was vested with the Government on March 24, 1936. The building was designed by the office of the Supervising Architect, Procurement Division, Public Buildings Branch, Treasury Department; and on Sept. 17, 1936, the Treasury Department awarded construction contract to the C. A. Moses Construction Company of Chicago, Ill., in the amount of $54,540.00, the building to be completed within 270 calendar days from date of notice to proceed. The building is 68 feet across the front and has a depth of 55 feet. The ground area is 4,056 square feet and the content of the building amounts to 115,800 cubic feet. The building is of contemporary design with buff brick exterior walls, stone trim and metal windows. Granite steps and platform with lamp standards mark the front entrance. At the rear are the usual vestibule and platform for the reception of mail and a mailing drive with space for parking postal automobiles. A flat composition roof of wood and steel construction covers the entire building. Concrete foundation walls and floor slab are used and the structure is generally fireproof.

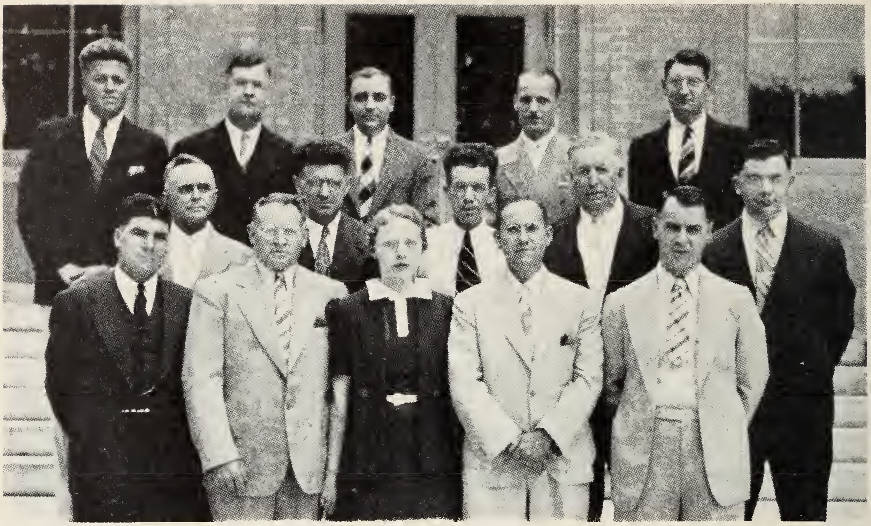
This building was first occupied on Aug. 23, and was dedicated on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1937, by exercises in the Community Gymnasium. The government was represented by J. M. Donaldson, Deputy First Assistant Postmaster



EMMERT J. WOLF started work in the local postoffice in 1913 and was promoted to assistant postmaster in 1919, which position he has held with credit until the present time. He is the son of Carlton and Ella (Fridley) Wolf and was born July 28, 1894, in Mount Morris. He attended Mount Morris High School and graduated from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1913. He is a member of the local Masonic lodge and the Kiwanis Club. He is also a competent musician and has been a valuable member of the Kable Band for many years. Mr. Wolf married Uarda Sears of Oregon in 1916 and they have one son, Joseph Sears.


UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

THE MOUNT MORRIS POST OFFICE building was erected in 1937 at a cost of over $50,000. It is 55x68 feet in size and is located on the northwest corner of the old college campus.



WORKING FORCE of the Mount Morris Post Office: Front row, left to right: John S. Buck, city carrier; Walter Waddelow, clerk; Edna Neher, clerk; George E. Neher, clerk; Dale M. Lizer, clerk; middle row, George C. Emmert, rural carrier; LeRoy L. Garman, charman; Raymond P. Moore, janitor; Walter S. McNett, rural carrier; Raymond Young, substitute clerk; back row, Maurice McNett, substitute city carrier; Emmert J. Wolfe, assistant postmaster; Ivan E. Rothermel, clerk; Dwight S. Sharer, postmaster; Jay Bechtold, city carrier. Another regular clerk, Ray Holsinger, does not appear in the picture.

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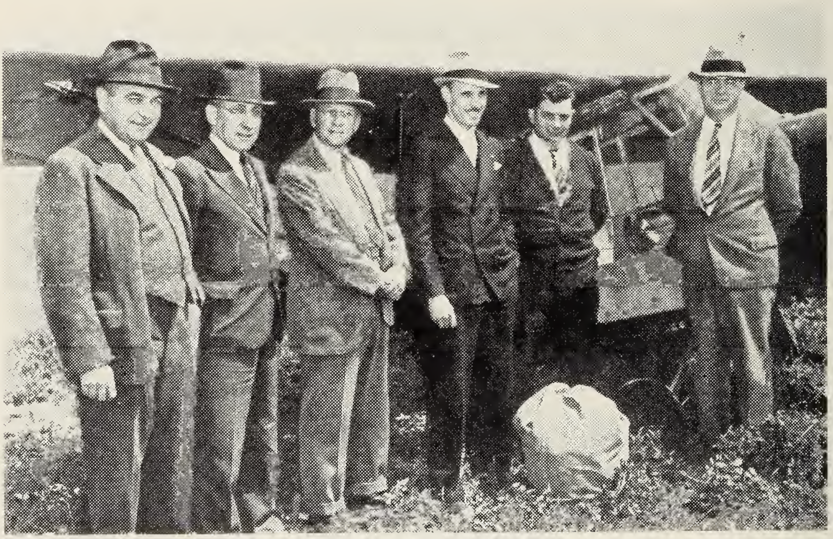
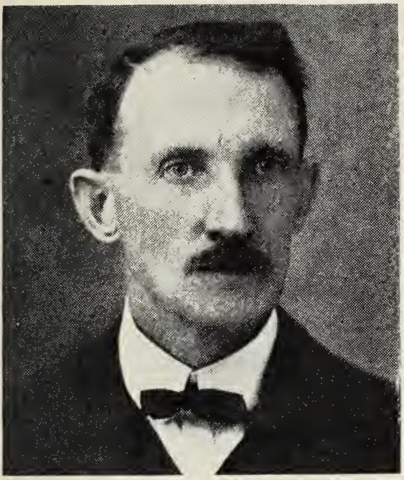


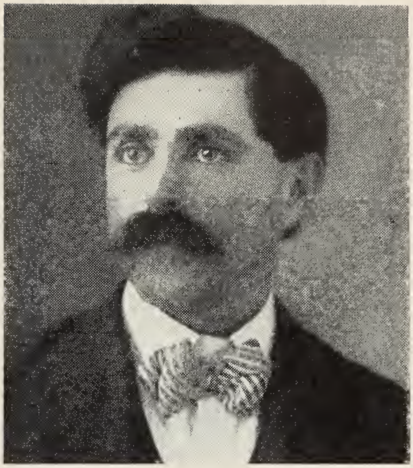
THE ABOVE picture was taken on the occasion of the first air mail to be sent by plane direct from Mount Morris, on May 20, 1938. There were 1,100 letters in the pouch and Pilot Raymond Young delivered the pouch to Moline, Ill., where it was transferred to a Chicago plane. This was during National Air Mail Week, celebrated all over the United States. Those in the picture are, left to right, S. J. Campbell, J. W. Watt, H. G. Kable, D. S. Sharer (postmaster), Raymond Young (pilot), and E. J. Wolf (assistant postmaster).

General, and the principal speaker was Senator William H. Dieterich.

The present employes of the post office in addition to Postmaster Sharer are as follows: Assistant postmaster, Emmert Wolfe; clerks, Walter W. Waddelow, Dale M. Lizer, Ray Holsinger, George E. Neher, Edna Neher, Ivan Rothermel, Raymond Young; city carriers, Jay Bechtold, John S. Buck; rural carriers, Walter S. McNett, George Emmert; substitute carrier, Maurice S. McNett; janitor, Raymond P. Moore; assistant janitor, LeRoy Garman.



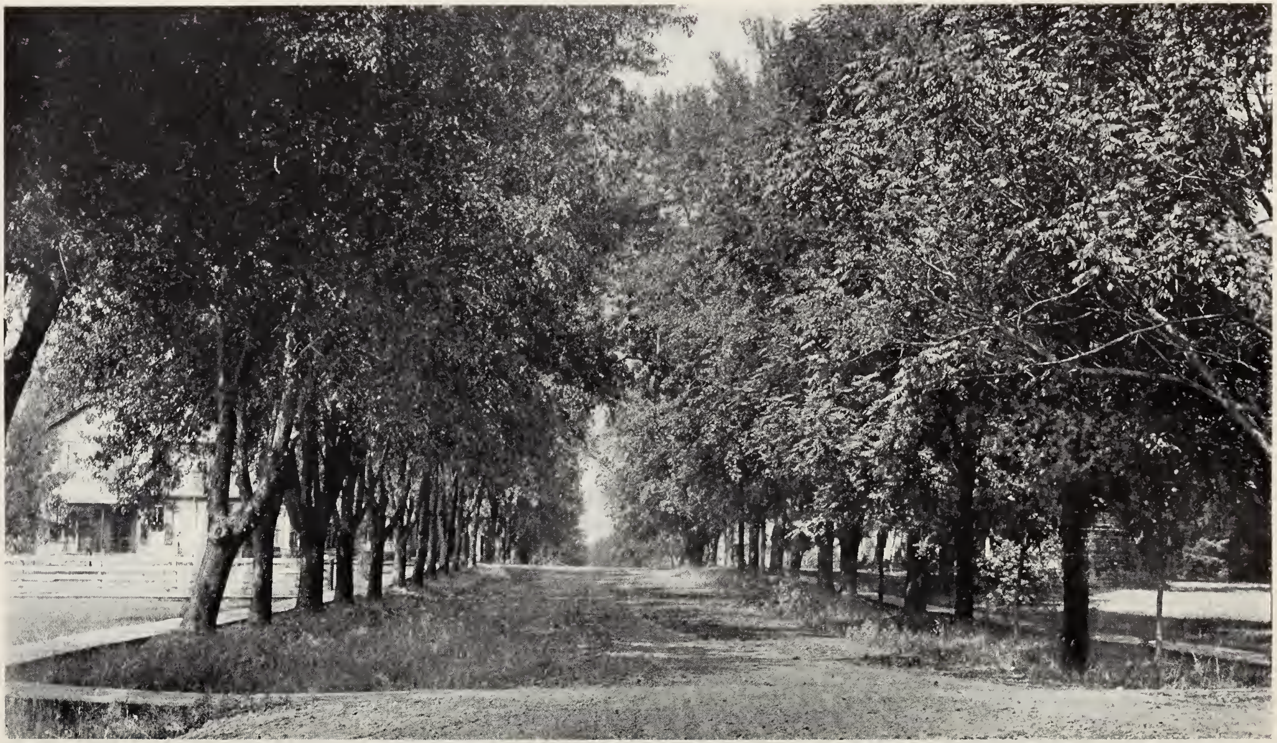
THEODORE BRUNER died August 4, 1910, aged 50 years. He was the son of Hiram and Elizabeth Bruner and was born July 5, 1860, at Somerset, Pa., and came to Mount Morris in 1893. In 1879, he married Etta McCoy, to whom were born one daughter, who died in infancy, and three sons—Ernest, Otho and Nelson. When rural free delivery was started out of Mount Morris, Mr. Bruner became the first carrier on Route No. 2, which he continued for six years until the time of his death.



JOHN M. LEEK was the first mail carrier on Rural Route No. 1 out of Mount Morris, established in April, 1904. He had formerly been engaged in farming near Mount Morris.

The first rural mail routes out of Mount Morris were established April 1, 1904. John L. Leek and T. L. Bruner were appointed as the first rural carriers. The first deliveries were made with horses for transportation.

City mail delivery was first established during the term of Postmaster B. S. Price.



A SHADY STREET in Mount Morris. This picture was taken in 1900, before the street was paved, and is looking north on Ogle Street.

Chapter 15

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

FOUR Protestant denominations are well represented in Mount Morris and each has a commodious place of worship. And though they differ somewhat in faith and practice, still they dwell together in perfect harmony.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF the four churches in Mount Morris, the history of the Methodist Episcopal dates back the farthest.

The first preaching in this part of Ogle County, at least the first under Methodist auspices, was by the Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, father of Hon. R. R. Hitt, a cultured and earnest local preacher, who came to Mount Morris in 1837. He entered a large tract of land, but devoted his time very largely to the development of the religious and educational interests of the country. He was in frequent demand for funerals, weddings, church dedications and educational meetings. He was largely instrumental in securing Rock River Seminary for Mount Morris, for which he contributed liberally, and by his influence and eloquence raised large amounts of money. As a pioneer preacher he did faithful work, and laid the foundation from which many strong churches have grown and prospered.

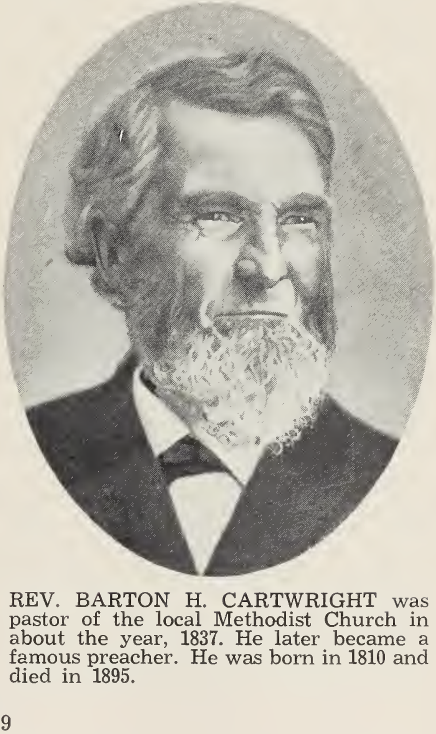
One who recollects Rev. Hitt as he was in vigorous manhood describes him as follows: "As a speaker he was interesting, with a clear musical voice, which expressed every shade of feeling. His language was choice and copious. In bearing he was dignified and easy and his gestures were natural and graceful. He stood six feet tall and seemed under all circumstances, in public or private, perfectly possessed."

He died September 23, 1852, having successfully planted Methodism in this section and giving its religious and educational interests an impulse that has been felt ever since.

Rev. Barton Cartwright was appointed to the charge, then part of a large circuit, in the fall of 1837.

August 20, 1840, Rock River Conference was organized, at a camp-meeting held in the grove two miles northwest of town. Bishop Waugh was the presiding bishop and Rev. B. T. Kavanaugh, secretary.

The location of Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, under the control of



REV. BARTON H. CARTWRIGHT was pastor of the local Methodist Church in about the year, 1837. He later became a famous preacher. He was born in 1810 and died in 1895.

THESE were prominent Methodist bishops in the year 1839 and doubtless were instrumental in locating Rock River Seminary in Mount Morris. At the lower left is Bishop Morris, after whom Mount Morris was named. In the center is Bishop Hedding and at the right is Bishop Waugh. At the upper left is Bishop Janes and at the right is Bishop Hamline. It is not known how many of these bishops visited Mount Morris, but Bishop Waugh was present at the Rock River Conference held in August, 1840, in a tent near Mount Morris, at which time he preached a sermon.

the Conference, gave the local church quite an impetus. When the first seminary building was completed in 1840, the north portion was used for church purposes, until the erection of the second building called "Old Sandstone," when the two lower stories of the east part were fitted up as a chapel and used by the church for about 25 years.

The location of the school gave the church considerable prestige during its earlier history and some of the strongest men of those times served it as pastors.

Beginning in 1837, the pastors that served the congregation were as follows: James McKean, Barton H. Cartwright, Thos. S. Hitt; 1840, G. G. Worthington and Luke Hitchcock; 1841, Asa McMurty; 1842, Jonathan Snow; 1844, Leander S. Walker; 1846, John Wager; 1847, David L. Winslow; 1848, Philo Judson; 1849, George L. Stuff; 1850, Luman A. Sanford; 1851, Bryant Cone; 1852, Samuel Jewett; 1853, Wm. Keegan; 1854, J. C. Stoughton; 1855, Freeborn Haney; 1856, Richard Parks, and 1857, R. A. Blanchard.

Rev. J. H. Vincent was appointed pastor in 1859. Vincent was later elected a bishop and was the principal founder of the Chautauqua and Epworth League movements. He was the first secretary of the Methodist Sunday School Union.

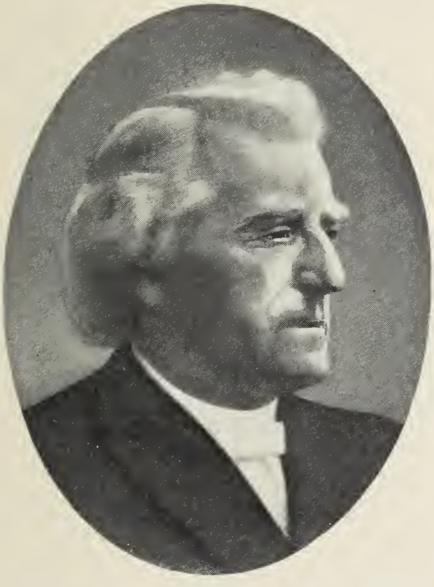
REV. JAMES McKEAN was pastor of the Methodist Church in Mount Morris about the year 1838 or 1839. He was also the first Methodist minister at Buffalo Grove, now Polo.

He was resident minister at Galena at the outbreak of the Civil War, helped Grant raise the first company, and came from Chicago where he was preaching at the close of the war, welcoming Grant home as general of the armies, delivering the address of the day.

In 1860, L. L. Anderson was pastor; 1863, W. A. Smith; 1865, J. H. More; 1867, W. A. Stout; 1868, C. R. Ford; 1869, S. H. Adams; 1872, Lewis Curts, and 1875, E. M. Battis.

In Civil War times, the location of the church was contemplated at the northeast corner of Wesley avenue and Center streets, where the Sprecher grocery building stands. It came about in this manner: "The Mite Society (the predecessor of the Ladies' Aid) decided they would like to have a church building of their own, instead of meeting in "Old Sandstone." Accordingly they raised $600.00, intending to buy the lot, and start building operations at once. This represented a great deal of hard work, most of which was earned serving dinners at 10c each, the usual price of those days for a square meal. However the seminary induced the ladies (with the probable assistance of the men), to continue to meet at the same old place.

REV. E. M. BATTIS was pastor of the Methodist Church in Mount Morris in 1875. While a student at Rock River Seminary he rang the bell in the old seminary cupola.



REV. LUKE HITCHCOCK, who later became a famous Methodist preacher, was appointed agent of Rock River Seminary in 1841 to assist in soliciting funds for the school. He also served as pastor of the local Methodist Church in 1840. He was born in 1813 and died in 1898.

In 1877, during the second year of the pastorate of E. W. Adams, the present church edifice was built at a cost of $8,000.00. When the church was completed, the contractor, a Mr. Bull, refused the members admittance until a balance of $300.00 was paid. This they were unable to do, due to the heavy expense of building. A group of officials of the church attempted to take possession of the building late at night, but found to their dismay that the con-

REV. F. W. NAZARENE was the Methodist pastor in Mount Morris from 1898 to 1902. He was the youngest son of Frederick and Mary A. Nazarene and was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 25, 1856. He came to Ogle County with his parents in 1864. He graduated from the Polo High School in 1874. He spent some time teaching and then attended Rock River Seminary. He studied for the Methodist ministry and his first charge was at Davis, Ill. He served a number of charges in Illinois and the Dakotas and was appointed to Mount Morris in 1898. Rev. Nazarene was married in 1880 to Amy S. McHoes and they had two daughters: Mary (Mrs. Charles Eigenbrode, deceased) and Ida (wife of the late Dr. M. O. Brush, Shenandoah, Ia.) Rev. Nazarene has retired from the ministry and is living at Rochelle.

REV. B. A. DICKENS came to Mount Morris in 1921 to assume the pastorate of the Methodist Church. He served one year and had just been reappointed for another year when he died on November 23, 1922. He was born at Amboy, Ill., June 7, 1857, and died at the age of 65½ years. He served a large number of charges in the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Church. In 1879, he married Sarah Skinner and they had five children.

tractor and workmen were sleeping in the church. Both factions sought legal advice the next day. The lawyer told them whichever group got to court first, getting the title to the building, to that person would possession be legal. Both parties raced madly to Oregon. The contractor must have had the fastest horses, for he won, much to the dismay of the other side. The matter was finally adjusted when Frank Stonebraker donated the balance to be paid.

On July 14, 1877, the dedication services lasted all day, including an address by Bishop Wm. L. Harris. The bell for the new church, which is in use today, was personally selected by Mrs. Maria Newcomer, a daughter of Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. This bell has a beautiful tone.

Two old time ministers are buried in the old cemetery: Spencer Mattison, who died Nov. 5, 1853, and William H. Gloss, who departed this life, April 8, 1880.

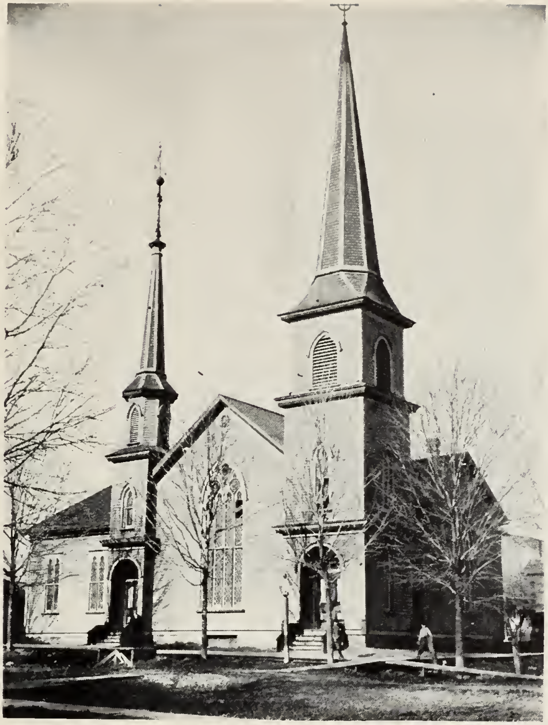
Among those who lived here as presiding elders were: Richard Haney, Hooper Crews, John Clark, Lewis Curtis, L. L. Van Horne, Philo Judson and Luke Hitchcock.

The sixtieth anniversary of the church was honored by special services, beginning Dec. 4 and closing Dec. 11, 1898. This was during the first year pastorate of F. W. Nazarene, who lives in Rochelle.

The conference of 1902 sent W. L. Whipple to the church. In 1906, N. R. Hinds received a call to the church. C. W. Thornton was sent to the pastorate in 1911.

During the 5th year pastorate of Rev.

REV. WILLIAM CLARK WILLIAMS was pastor of the Methodist Church in Mount Morris from March, 1930, to October, 1932. He is the son of William C. and Mary (Harms) Williams and was born Nov. 14, 1892, at Sabula, Iowa. He graduated from the Savanna Township High School in 1910. He engaged in insurance and newspaper work until 1923, when he entered the Methodist ministry, serving charges at Thomson, Argo, Cherry Valley and Irene before coming to Mount Morris. While serving the local Methodist Church, he took special work at Mount Morris College and completed his theological training at Union Theological College at Chicago in 1934. Since November, 1935, he has been pastor of the Wittemberg Congregational Church which serves a rural community five miles north of Newton, Iowa. He is a Mason and Kiwanian. Rev. Williams married Grace B. Lanning in 1911 and they have seven living children: William C., Ernest R., Paul E., Ruth E., George A., David E., and Mary L. Three children died in infancy.



THE METHODIST CHURCH as it appeared many years ago before the steeples were removed.

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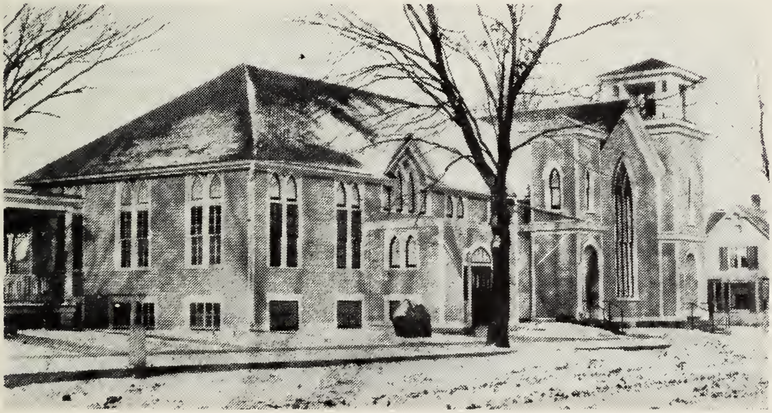


THE METHODIST CHURCH as it appeared after the large south side addition was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Dickson.

REV. CHAS. LYONS was pastor of the Methodist church for 3½ years, beginning in 1927. He was the son of Cornelius and Susan Lyons and was born Sept. 25, 1875, at Alton, Ill. He was educated at Northwestern University. He served in the Spanish-American War. He was married Aug. 27, 1903, to Ina Helen Pierson. They have three children, Elva, who married Paul Trump; Clifford, who is head of the English department of the University of Florida; and Charles, who is a mortician at Savanna, Ill. While Rev. Lyons was in Mount Morris the church debt was paid and the street paved around the church. Rev. and Mrs. Lyons are now living at Lemont, Ill.

Thornton, on the 26th of August, 1916, the large boulder standing today, in front of the church, was dedicated by Bishop Thomas Nicholson, in memory of the founding of Rock River Conference in our town. The boulder with its bronze tablet was unveiled by Miss Margaret Newcomer, a great granddaughter of Rev. Thomas S. Hitt.

Rev. H. P. Barnes was appointed pastor in October, 1916. The present pipe organ was installed and fully subscribed for, due to the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Barnes. In 1918, E. S. Nicholas came, filling the pulpit for three years. In 1921, Bertram A. Dickens answered the call of the church. Mr. Dickens was taken sick in the pulpit and died later, on Nov. 23, 1922. He was a relative of Charles Dickens, the celebrated English author.

The first parsonage was a grout building erected in 1852, during the pastorate of Nathan Jewett. It was located on Center Street west of Seminary Avenue. The present parsonage was built in 1889, during the ministry of Rev. Brown.

Rev. J. L. Dickson came to the charge on Jan. 1, 1923. Under his pastorate the south addition to the church was built in 1923-24. The enlarged quarters were dedicated Dec. 21, 1924. The enlargement greatly aided the church, the church school, and the various societies. Rev. Dickson is now radio minister over station WGN, Chicago.

In the fall of 1926, W. E. Royston was assigned to the church. In 1927, Charles Lyons was designated pastor and W. C. Williams was sent to the charge on March 1st, 1930.

Rev. Reynold N. Hoover was appointed in 1932 and remained five years. He was followed in 1937 by Rev. William N. Manny, who is the present pastor.

REV. WILLIAM L. MANNY, pastor of the Methodist Church in Mount Morris in 1938, is the second son of James and Elizabeth (Bergen) Manny and was born Feb. 13, 1899, in Rogers Park, Chicago. The name Manny is the outcome of a series of alterations of the French name De Magne, which belonged to a Huguenot ship captain, who took up residence in what is now New York State, before the Revolutionary War. He attended the Chicago public schools, through the first year at The Nicholas Senn High School. By this time both Mr. Manny's mother and father were deceased, and a first cousin, Miss Susie Manny, who had made her home with the family for many years, continued to keep the home for the brothers. In the fall of 1915, the family moved to Urbana, Ill., so that the older brother, Theodore, could enter the University of Illinois. Mr. Manny graduated from the Urbana High School in 1918. In the fall of the same year he entered the University of Illinois, volunteered, and was enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps there, which was a branch of the regular army. The armistice was signed in November and the men of this unit were discharged just before Christmas. Mr. Manny continued his studies at the University of Illinois, in the department of mechanical engineering, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922. In September of that year, Mr. Manny was united in marriage with Miss Edna Wardlow of Champaign. He entered the Garrett Biblical Institute in preparation for the Methodist ministry, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1925. During his theological studies Mr. Manny served two churches, the Vermillion Heights Methodist Church in Danville, Ill., and the Methodist Church in Lake Villa. Rev. Manny was ordained an elder in the Methodist Church in 1926, and was appointed the resident minister of the Pawpaw Methodist Church, which church he served until 1929. The following five years he served the Methodist Church at Walnut, Ill. His last appointment before coming to Mount Morris was to the Epworth Church in Elgin, which he served for three years. Rev. Manny was appointed to the Mount Morris Methodist Church in the fall of 1937, succeeding the five-year pastorate of Rev. Reynold L. Hoover. The Mannys now have four children: Clara, a student in the Mount Morris Community High School; and Mary, James and Charles, who are in the grade school. Rev. Manny is a member of the Urbana Lodge No. 157, A. F. & A. M., a member of the Ogle County Farm Bureau, is district advancement officer for the Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the local Kiwanis Club.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOR almost one hundred years, this congregation has stood as a bulwark of the faith it represents in the northern part of Illinois. The church was born in the desire of a small group of people who having come to the new country had been denied the ministration of the Gospel in the Lutheran form and manner. The history of the congregation is written in the language of the service which it has rendered to this community. As is usual in the church in a pioneering community the early records of the church are very obscure. However enough is known to make possible the piecing together of a rather accurate story of its beginnings and its early struggles.

In the year 1846, the Rev. Nicholas Stroh of Oregon began preaching services in the old chapel of Rock River Seminary. These services were held every two weeks. Because of the numerous services held in the Seminary and the resulting conflicts with his services, Rev. Stroh moved his services to a schoolhouse on the road between Mount Morris and Oregon. When a school building was erected in Mount Morris, the services were held in it until the first church was dedicated in 1856. This building is still in use being occupied by the Christian Church. This building was erected at a cost of $3,000.00, which in those days was quite a burden. However the obligation was promptly met by this small but consecrated group of Christians.

The first constitution was drawn and adopted in 1853. The Rev. A. A. Trimper was pastor at that time. Those signing the roster of the constitution at that time were A. A. Trimper (pastor), Peter Knodle, Catherine Tockey, N. J. Stroh, Nathaniel Swingley, Andrew Schecter, Ann McCreary, Mary M. Baker, Elizabeth McCoy, Elizabeth Nikirk, Cornelia Sharer, Mary Swingley, Elizabeth Stroh, Sarah Newcomer, Urilla Swingley, Rebecca Potter, Ann Sharer, Susan Farmer, Elizabeth Allen, Mary Virginia Knodle, Catherine Sprecher, Elizabeth Corgant, Jacob Beard, Eliza Swingley, Elias Malone, Amelia Sharer, Philip Sprecher, Catherine Kennedy.

Many of these names have been and are familiar landmarks in the story of the development of this community. Not only are these names familiar to those who have studied the history of

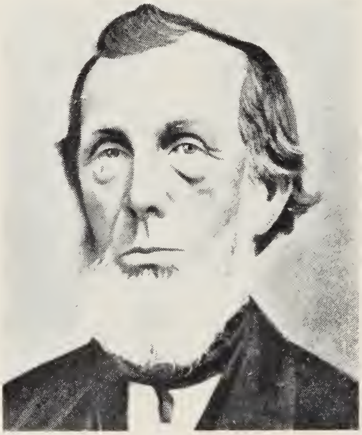
Mount Morris but the roster of its pastors contains names that are bright lights in the history of the Lutheran Church in America.

The list of these pastors with the important events of their pastorates:

Rev. Nicholas N. Stroh began the services that led to the formation of the congregation. He came in 1846 and was followed by Rev. Ephraim Miller, who became the first president of the Synod of Northern Illinois. Between Rev. Stroh's pastorate and that of Rev. Miller the congregation was served for a short time by Rev. Nicholas Burkett.

Rev. A. A. Trimper became pastor about 1851. It was during his pastorate that the congregation became a corporate body. The records in the recorder's office show that the first trustees were Andrew Schecter, Elias Malone and Samuel Hanes. Under Rev. Trimper's direction the lot was secured and a building was started. The cornerstone of the new building was laid on June 17, 1854.

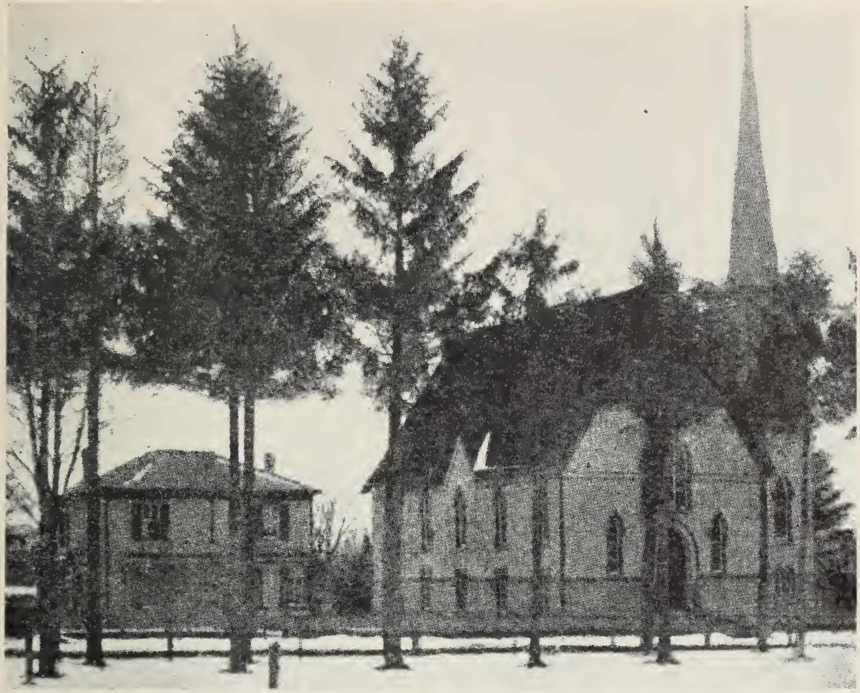
REV. LEANDER FORD probably served as a minister in Mount Morris longer than any other pastor in the village. He served the local Lutheran Church for two different terms, a total of 17 years. He was born Oct. 23, 1836, at Orleans, N. Y., and died at Mount Morris, Sept. 9, 1913, at the age of nearly 77 years. He was educated at Hartwick Seminary, and after graduation taught school several years, meanwhile preparing himself for the ministry. His first pastorate was at Black Lake, N. Y. Subsequently he filled pastorates at Sharon, Wis., Argusville, N.Y., Minden, N.Y., Frey's Bush, N.Y., Oregon, Ill., Sharon, Wis., a second time, and finally Mount Morris again. In 1863, he married Amy Baldwin, and they had two children, Mrs. A. H. Knodle and Chas. F. Ford. During his second pastorate at Sharon, his first wife died after 39 years of married life. Later he married Mrs. Mary Sloat, a sister of his first wife. He is buried in Riverview Cemetery at Oregon.



REV. NICHOLAS J. STROH, pioneer Lutheran minister, was born May 5, 1798, in Halifax, Pa. He preached for a number of years in his native state and came to Ogle County in the fall of 1845. He first located at Oregon and then moved to a farm a short distance north of Mount Morris, but continued active ministerial work in the vicinity, his last charge being at West Grove. He retired from active work in 1880, having served in the ministry more than 60 years. He married Elizabeth Givler in 1827 in Pennsylvania and there were ten children born to them: Maria, Luther M., Meulenberg, Martha E., Rhenius, Alfred E., Gustavus A., Augusta C., Cecelia A. and Josephine (Mrs. H. C. Clark). Mrs. Stroh died in 1894. Rev. Stroh died Jan. 1, 1897, aged nearly 99 years.

Dr. George Bowers became the pastor of the struggling congregation in the year 1854 or 1855. He remained as pastor until 1857. Dr. Bowers became one of the finest preachers and rhetoricians that the Lutheran Church has ever produced. It was during his pastorate that the congregation separated itself from the Oregon congregation and became a separate charge.

Rev. Cornelius Reimensnyder came in the year 1858 and served for one year. He left to go east, where he be-



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH and parsonage as they appeared in 1900 before the steeple was taken down.

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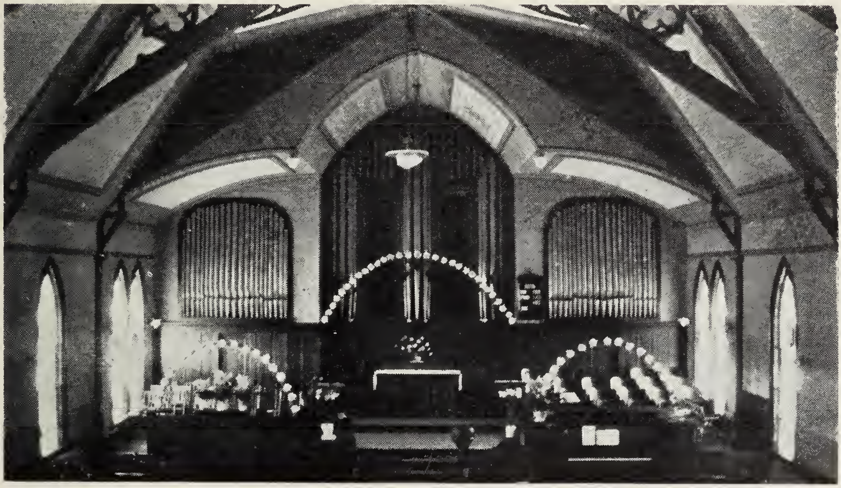
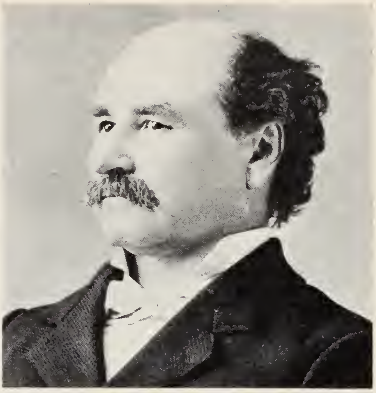


Interior of the Lutheran Church, showing the altar and pipe organ.



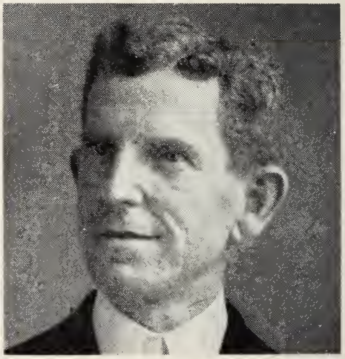
REV. L. L. LIPE was pastor of the Mount Morris Lutheran Church from 1872 until 1879 and again from 1897 to 1903. He was the son of Daniel and Matilda Lipe, who came to Illinois from North Carolina in 1834, and settled on a farm near Hillsboro, where 10 children were born, the subject of this sketch being the sixth child. He secured his theological training at the seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and was ordained into the Lutheran ministry in 1871. His first charge was at Mount Morris, from 1872 to 1879, and he later held pastorates at Dixon, Ill., Lincoln, Nebr., West Point, Nebr., Sharon, Wis., and then back to Mount Morris again from 1897 to 1893. He died in May, 1895, at Sharon, Wis., at the age of 80. While pastor in Mount Morris in 1872, he married Miss Flora Stager, to whom two children were born, Olive, who married Chas. Wolfe, and a son who died in infancy.

came one of the best known preachers of New York City and a great leader in his denomination.

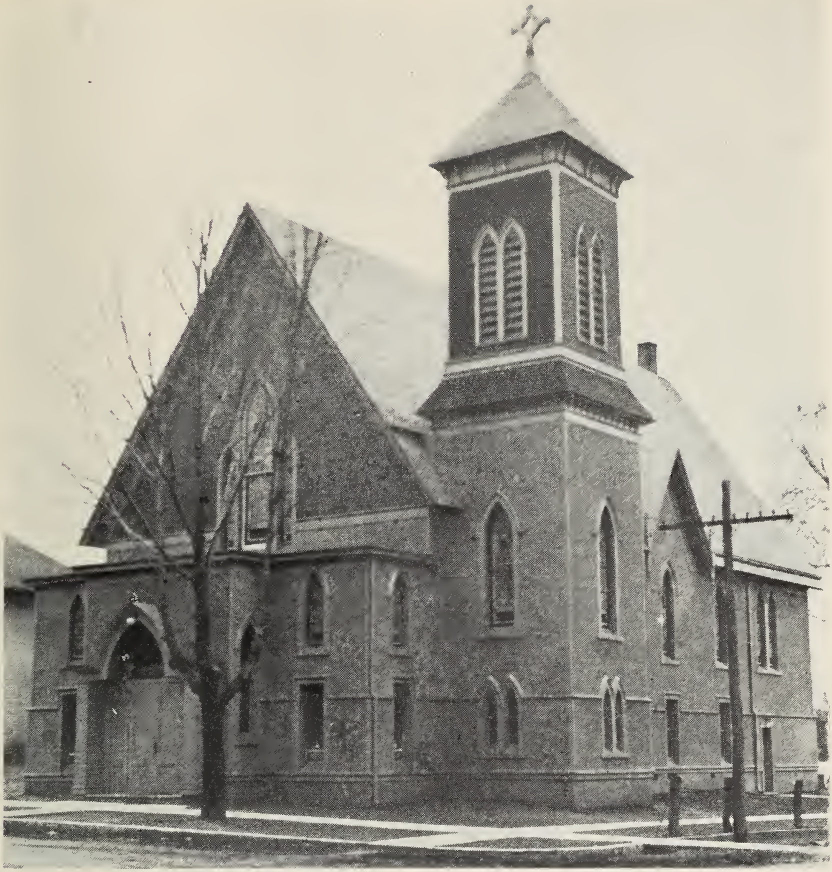
Then came a series of short pastorates. Rev. Daniel Schindler was followed by Rev. Ephraim Miller, who came back for a second pastorate (1859-1862); Rev. Rufus Smith (1864-1865); Rev. R. B. Whitehill (1867-1869); Rev. A. C. Frick (1869-1871). It was during this pastorate that the church at Adeline became a part of the Mount Morris charge.

The congregation at this time was having severe difficulties financially and otherwise. To help save the church, Rev. L. L. Lipe came as pastor in 1872. He remained until 1879, making this the longest pastorate of the congregation to this date. Rev. Lipe came to the charge when he was president of the Northern Illinois Synod. The congregation prospered under the leadership of Rev. Lipe and on May 6, 1877, decided to build a new church. The cornerstone was laid on September 30, 1877. This building after extensive alterations and enlargement is still in use by the congregation.

Hon. Robert R. Hitt was the owner of the lot on which the church stands. At that time he was secretary of the legation in Paris, France. In response



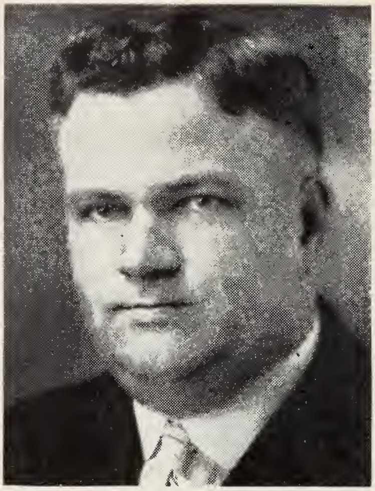
HORACE E. ZIMMERMAN was pastor of the Mount Morris Lutheran Church from 1911 to 1918. He was the son of Dr. Luther M. and Louisa A. (Saltzgiver) Zimmerman and was born April 20, 1867, at Johnsville, Md. His boyhood days were spent at Myersville, Md., where his father practiced medicine. After completing the grade school, he attended Avis Academy at Middletown, Md., and entered Roanoke College, Salem, Va., in Sept., 1885. Next he attended Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pa., graduating in 1889, and then received his theological training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and graduated in 1892. He served charges at Tannersville, Pa.; Clarion, Pa.; Bolivar, Ohio; Dillsburg, Pa.; Dickinson, Pa.; New Haven, W. Va.; Mount Morris, Ill.; and Kansas City, Mo. He then gave up ministerial work because of impaired hearing, and since has been in the employ of Kable Brothers Company in an editorial capacity. For a number of years he has been a contributor to a wide range of periodicals. His hobbies are music and the collection of curious photos from all over the world, many of which are used to illustrate his articles. Rev. Zimmerman was married in 1893 to Anna E. Doub, who died when she gave birth to their son, Milo D., in Oct., 1894. He married again in 1899 to Lillie L. Saunders and they have a daughter, Anna Lee (Mrs. John Reich). The Zimmermans are now living at 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH as it now appears after the steeple was removed and other extensive improvements made.

to a letter written by Mrs. Harriett Middour, he donated the lot and sent the deed from Paris dated September 24, 1878. The deed was certified by Edward F. Noyes, U. S. Minister to France.

Rev. J. W. Henderson served the church from 1879 to 1881. This pastorate was followed by that of Rev. H. Max Lentz, 1881-1884. It was during this pastorate that the first missionary society was organized and the church pulled itself out of debt. This event was celebrated by a jubilee service that brought several church notables to the community. After Rev. Lentz had resigned and during the subsequent vacancy, the congregation was served by Dr. Bartholomew, the president of Carthage College, and now serving as professor emeritus at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. Then came in somewhat rapid succession Rev. Eichelberger, Rev. Edward S. Hoffman, and Rev. L. Ford. Rev. Hoffman in reigning had encouraged the congregation to unite with another congregation or disband as they were unable to support a pastor. What Rev. Lipe had been to the earlier congregation, Rev. Ford was to prove himself to be to the congregation now. It was with the beginning of the Ford pastorate that we may reckon the modern era of the church's



REV. CLARENCE H. HIGHTOWER has been the popular pastor of the Lutheran Church in Mount Morris since July, 1924. He was the only son of William L. and Sarah (Dees) Hightower and was born Nov. 29, 1886, at Coffeen, Ill. He was educated at Carthage College and was ordained in the Lutheran ministry in 1916. He held a pastorate at Mt. Carmel before coming to Mount Morris. Rev. Hightower married Kathryn Betebenner in 1910 and they have three children: George Keller, Bernice W., and William W.

development. The parsonage lot was donated by the Hon. Robert R. Hitt and the first parsonage built. From 1886 to 1889, Rev. Ford served the churches of Oregon and Mount Morris. In 1890 he became full time pastor. It was at this time that the parsonage was built.

Rev. L. L. Lipe came to the church in 1897 and served until 1903. He was followed in turn by Rev. Frank S. Delo and Rev. L. Ford, who came for a second pastorate.

Rev. H. E. Zimmerman came as pastor in 1911. He remained until 1918. It was during his service that the parsonage was repaired and the church generally renovated. The church at this time showed a large increase in membership.

Rev. George P. Kabele, the president of the Northern Illinois Synod, became pastor in 1918. Under his leadership the church as we know it today began to emerge. His leadership was conservative and his building sure. The congregation became a great influence under the guidance of Rev. Kabele. The building soon became too small for the congregation and a program of rebuilding and enlargement was set in motion. The cost of the remodeling, including a new pipe-organ was $20,000.00. All this was subscribed before the work was started.

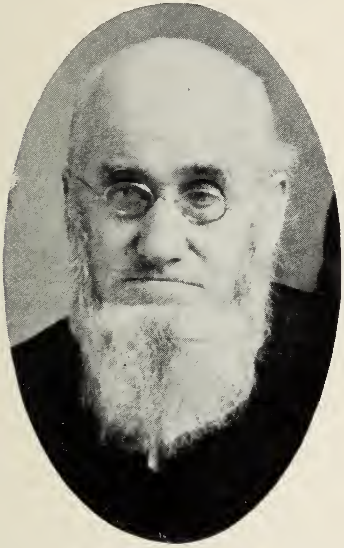
Rev. Kabele closed his pastorate in 1924 and was succeeded by Rev. Clarence Horatio Hightower, at that time the general secretary of Carthage College. He came as pastor in July, 1924. Building on the foundations already laid, the congregation has increased greatly in numbers and in influence throughout this part of the state. The confirmed membership is now well over five hundred souls. The church interior has been greatly changed and a new pipe-organ has been purchased. The financial record of this congregation today is an outstanding one in the Illinois Synod. As pastor of the church and the writer of this article, I will say that she or any church is great not because of a long line of devoted and capable pastors but because of the consecration of her people. This consecration makes for life. Without it is death no matter what or who the pastor.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH

IN point of numbers the Church of the Brethren is the strongest denomination in Mount Morris. It differs little in point of faith and practice from the other three. The first church of this denomination in Ogle County was at West Branch, about seven miles northwest of Mount Morris in Lincoln Township, where the few members in Mount Morris Township worshiped for a number of years. Finally, in the year 1867, the territory of West Branch Church was divided and a new church established in Mount Morris Township about four miles northeast of Mount Morris, known as Silver Creek Church. Elder D. E. Price was put in charge of it and continued its elder until 1903.

From 1867 until about 1879, the Brethren residing in the Village of Mount Morris attended services at this church in Silver Creek.

In the year 1879, as previously mentioned, the old Rock River Seminary, which had been conducted by the Methodist denomination for many years, became the property of several members of the Brethren Church and although it continued the property of individuals it became a strictly Brethren school conducted in accordance with the rules of that church, which in those years were quite strict. The members of the faculty selected were nearly all members of the church and, together with their families and other people of the denomination who were drawn here to educate their children or for other purposes, soon formed quite a colony of the Brethren living in the village. They began immediately to hold religious services in the old seminary chapel and soon formed a strong church with many members.



ELDER DAVID E. PRICE was born near Waynesboro, Pa., Sept. 7, 1832, and died at Beatrice, Nebr., Aug. 9, 1923, aged nearly 91 years. At the age of 20 he came to Illinois and a year later he was married and settled on the Price homestead two miles south of Mount Morris. His wife was Helen E. Rowland and they had ten children, of whom the following survived the father: Franklin J., Chas. H., Harvey E., and Nannie E. Sommers. The mother died in 1893 and six years later he was again married to Mary E. Hicks. Mr. Price was a very religious man and served at the head of the Mount Morris Church of the Brethren from 1867 until 1903. It was said that he could repeat the entire New Testament from memory.

ELDER J. H. MOORE was a prominent member of the Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris for many years until the removal of the Brethren Publishing House to Elgin in 1899. He was born Apr. 8, 1846, at Salem, Va., and died at Sebring, Fla., in December, 1935, aged 89 years. In 1876 he founded the "Brethren at Work" at Lanark, which was moved to Mount Morris, and for 39 years he was editor of the Gospel Messenger.

As a result of the increased number of members living in the village and of the presence of faculty members who were able to fill the pulpit in an able way, services more and more came to be centered in Mount Morris to the neglect of both Silver Creek and Salem. When College Hall was built in 1891, a new chapel was added to take care of the increasing church needs. By 1900 regular services in both of the country houses had been discontinued, although it was not until 1910 that the name of the congregation was changed to Mount Morris.

In keeping with the practice of the Brethren Church, there was no paid ministry until 1917. The work of the church was carried on by men set apart by vote of the congregation and their service was without pay. It was democracy and free-will service carried to the extreme. How well and why the church grew and prospered in the years that the college was in operation is seen from the following extract from "Mount Morris: Past and Present," published in 1900:

"The members of the Mount Morris Brethren Church are far ahead of the great majority of churches in the way of religious advantages for their spiritual advancement. The presence of the college adds many individuals of ability to its ranks who can readily take prominent part in services of all kinds. Among the professors are always a number of ordained ministers of the gospel and together with an exceptionally large number of resident preachers who have been drawn to Mount Morris by its exceptional religious and educational advantages, give the church much prestige. Regular attendants at the College Chapel have opportunity to hear a great variety of sermons, as no man preaches there oftener than once in two or three months. Then, too, it is very frequent that visiting ministers, some of the best in the Brotherhood, preach in the chapel on Sundays or hold long revival services during the winter time. The attendance during the school year, while the students are here, nearly equals that of all the other three churches combined, especially on Sunday evenings in the winter.

"Besides the advantage of an endless change in ministerial appointments the frequent occurrence of enlivening revival meetings, and the vim and vigor of all doings of the church due to the presence of the large ministerial force, the Mount Morris congregation has access to a two weeks special Bible term at the college. Frequently the church has the pleasure of entertaining a large gathering of the Brethren, such as the District meeting, Sunday school and ministerial meetings, etc., with delegates from all over Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin, which add much to the interest in church work.

"Prominent among those who have served the church in its ministerial work and helped to build it up to its present strength are Elds. D. E. Price, D. L. Miller, J. H. Moore, J. G. Royer and Joseph Amick. Elder Price is already mentioned as having served the church as the presiding elder for thirty-three years. During this period he has devoted much time to the duties of his office, and deserves much credit for the harmony and the standard of loyalty which he has preserved among the members. Elder D. L. Miller is another to whom the church is deeply indebted. He has spent over twenty years in Mount Morris connected with the Brethren Publishing House and Mount Morris College. His travels in Europe and Bible Lands make him one of the best informed men in the Brotherhood and one of their very best preachers. When it comes his turn to preach in the chapel he is always greeted by a very large audience. Elder J. H. Moore, while pursuing his work as one of the editors of the Gospel Messenger, preached his turn and took active part in the affairs of the church. He is a deep thinker and presented weighty sermons. His removal to Elgin with the Brethren Publishing House was much regretted, as was also that of Eld. Joseph Amick, business manager of the Publishing House, and Galen B. Royer, secretary of the General Missionary and Tract Committee. Both of these gentlemen were able preachers and were prominent in the church here. Prof. J. G. Royer still remains with the church to continue his long term of usefulness. His sermons are second to none in point of excellence to any clergyman in Mount Morris.

"The spiritual vim of the members of the church is kept from flagging by two prayer meetings, one Sunday evening and one Thursday evening. On Sunday evening there are senior and junior sections, the latter being attended by the younger members of the church and students. Among the students are always a considerable number of men who are preparing for the ministry and young ladies who expect to do missionary work, and together they have very enjoyable and profitable meetings. In the senior sections there is also plenty of talent to discuss the questions adopted for each week's consideration. On Thursday the two sec-

FOR MANY YEARS the Church of the Brethren held all their religious services in this chapel which is built on the west side of "College Hall." After the new church building was erected, this chapel was used by the college for lectures, recitals and concerts.

tions combine. The church also has a sister's aid society, a missionary society and a missionary reading circle. The future of the church is very encouraging."

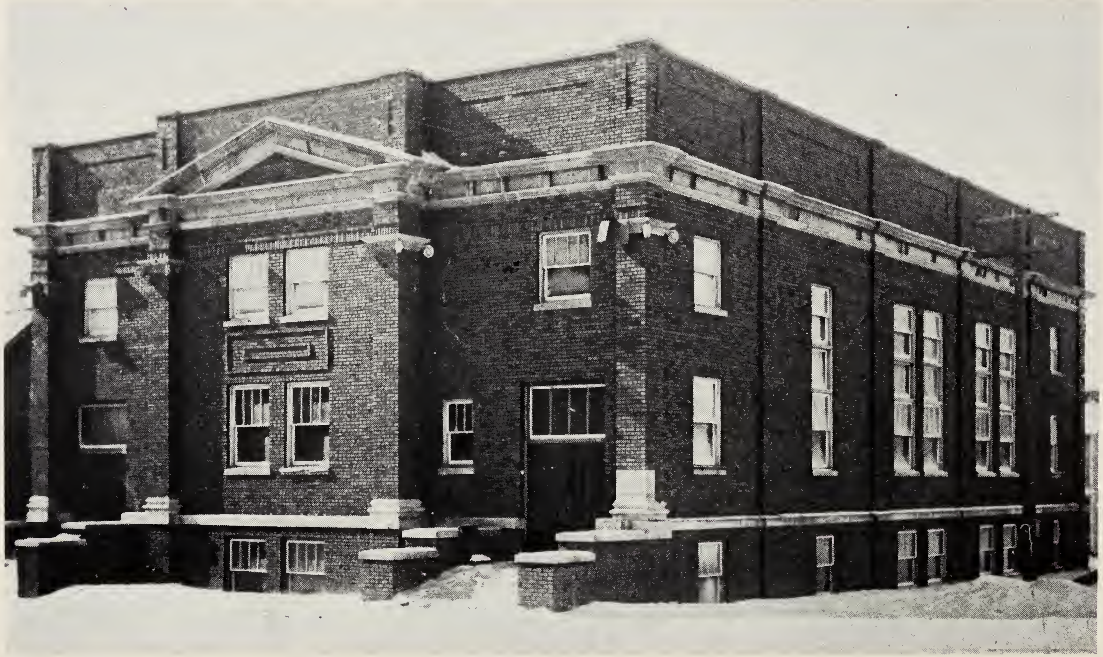
While the new chapel for a time served the needs of both congregation and school, in the course of time there developed a conflict of interests that made it seem advisable for the church to have an edifice of its own, separate and apart from the college. An effort in this direction was first made in 1903 by a committee appointed to raise the necessary funds, but was unable to do so, hence the matter was dropped.

In 1910, the question of a new church house was again revived and a soliciting committee was appointed, but it was not until 1920 that the necessary amount was pledged. A building committee consisting of J. P. Holsinger, Joseph Rodeffer, W. Price Stouffer, W. E. West and Elmer Snowberger was appointed. This committee started to work on actual building operations early in 1921 and, having purchased a corner lot at West Front and Seminary Streets, the cornerstone of the new edifice was laid with appropriate ceremonies July 14, 1921.

The walls were constructed in 1921 and were put under roof, but owing to money stringency, building operations ceased, although the lathing was done during the winter, money for which was raised by subscription and labor donated for the most part. In the summer of 1922 the way opened up for building to begin again and the work from that time was pushed to completion. The dedication of the church was on March 18, 1923, with President Otho Winger of Manchester College preaching the dedicatory ceremonies.

The building is strictly modern in its equipment and style of architecture. It is 56 feet by 90 feet in size, built of Shelltex brick and trimmed with Bedford stone. It contains a basement with ample room for primary and junior Sunday school needs. A well-appointed kitchen, heating plant, and toilet rooms likewise are on the basement level. The main floor contains an auditorium 50 x 54 feet with a balcony along the rear end. Also there are nine Sunday school rooms. A baptistry is located at the right of the pulpit, entrance to which is from the rear from two dressing rooms.

In 1927, the Gigous property on West Front Street was purchased and a well-arranged and commodious parsonage was erected. Like the church, it is



THE CHURCH of the Brethren erected this fine brick building in 1921-1922. It is 56 by 90 feet in size and strictly modern.

REV. L. H. ROOT was the first regular pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris. He came to Mount Morris from Rockford in 1919 and served the church for two years.

completely free from debt.

It was not until 1916 that a pastor was secured in the person of L. H. Root who served the church for two years. He was followed by Frank E. McCune who remained pastor until 1924. It was during the pastorate of Rev. McCune that the present building was built, evidence of his successful leadership. In 1924 Elder G. E. Wine assumed the pastorate. In 1928 he resigned to accept a call from the college church at Bridgewater, Va. The church again recalled Rev. McCune who served for 8 years. After searching the field for more than a year the church unanimously extended a call to F. B. Statler, who had served the college church at Huntingdon, Pa., for eleven years. He began his ministerial duties in September, 1937, and has proved himself to be a splendid leader and an able sermonizer.

In accordance with the general practice of the Brethren Church, musical instruments were not permitted in church services until recent years. Singing was strictly congregational without organ or choir. However, the development of a strong music department in the college and the influence of a new generation gradually created sentiment in favor of the use of both instrument and choir. At first a piano was introduced for use in the Sunday school; later a reed organ was added with both instruments used in all services. Recently a Hammond electric organ has been purchased. Both a junior and senior robed choir now serve the church under the able direction of E. R. Henricks.

During the seventy years of its existence the church has been served by a large number of very able men, most of whose connection was primarily with the college and whose mention would be made in that connection. However, it is fitting that mention should be made of those men who served as elders of the church, for in a very true sense they were leaders of the church. Elder David E. Price had charge of the Silver Creek congregation from the time of its founding in 1867 until 1903. He was

REV. F. E. McCUNE, pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris for 12 years, was born near Lanark, Ill., Aug. 15, 1882. He was the son of Robert F. and Mary Ellen (Rowland) McCune. He graduated from the Dallas Center (Iowa) High School in 1901 and from the Ottawa University at Ottawa, Kans., in 1907. He also attended Bethany Biblical Seminary for two years and was ordained to the ministry in 1906. He held pastorates of Brethren Churches as follows: Muncie, Ind., 2 years; Lawrence, Kans., 3 years; Mount Morris, 5 years; Kitchel, Ind., 5 years; Mount Morris, 7 years; Kitchel, Ind., since 1936. He married Ona May Hogan, of Norborne, Mo., in 1913, and they have two children: Robert F. and Samuel E. Rev. McCune is a fine pulpit orator and made a fine record in Mount Morris

BUILDING COMMITTEE of the new Brethren church erected in 1921: Front row, left to right, Ira Rodeffer, Joseph Rodeffer, J. P. Holsinger, Leslie Johnson; back row, Daniel Miller, Prof. Levi S. Shively, Price Stouffer, W. E. West and Elmer Snowberger.

naturally conservative in his tendencies but his mind was broad enough to see the need of changes as the church progressed in its work. He was a self-made man and a profound student of the Bible. His ability to quote Scripture seemingly without end will always be remembered by those who were privileged to hear him preach. He had a prominent standing throughout the entire Brotherhood, serving at least one year as moderator of the annual conference. He lived to a ripe old age, dying at the home of his son, Charles Price, at Beatrice, Nebr. Elder D. L. Miller followed Price as Elder, serving from 1902 to 1910. He was a man universally loved and esteemed for his kindness, honesty, and generosity. He proved a splendid leader of the church. After giving up his position of elder, he continued his activity in church work, ending his labors during an evangelistic meeting in Huntingdon, Pa., when he was stricken with pneumonia which proved fatal. Elder Miller was always very desirous that the church not become ecclesiastical in its methods. He believed that all matters of importance should come before all members of the church instead of being decided by committees of the church. He was a well-read man, having at his disposal a very large library and in his sermons he always had something new and fresh for his hearers, gathered from his vast store of information. When he preached members of other churches often attended the services to hear the interesting messages which he had to bring. In this connection it is interesting to note that he was a fast friend of Hon. Robert Hitt, and the latter always attended his services after his return from Congress to hear his friend preach.

Following Elder Miller's resignation in 1910, J. G. Royer assumed charge of the church for one year. He will always be remembered, principally as an organizer and leader of young people.

WILBUR B. STOVER and wife spent many years as missionaries in India for the Church of the Brethren. Mr. Stover was the son of Jacob A. and Mollie (Lasher) Stover and was born May 5, 1866, in Pennsylvania. He entered Mount Morris College in 1834 and graduated in 1891. He was a minister for several years and in 1893 was married to Mary Emmert. They went to India in 1894 and continued as missionaries for 26 years, returning in 1920. They were home on furlough twice during this period. They were compelled to give up their missionary work in 1920 because of the ill health of Mrs. Stover. There were five children, Emmert, Miriam, James, Daniel and Helen. They were all born in India except Miriam and all were sent to Mount Morris College to be educated. Elder Stover died Oct. 31, 1930, in the State of Washington where he had accepted a pastorate. Mrs. Stover and the children are now living in the West.

MR. AND MRS. WILBUR B. STOVER and family posed for the above picture in July, 1920. The two children in front are Helen and Daniel, and at the rear, Emmert, James and Miriam.

He took a deep interest in seeking out prospective young students to train them for positions of leadership and responsibility in the church. He fostered many Bible classes and special meetings in which an attempt was made to inculcate the doctrines of the teachings of the church. He had a finger on every phase of work in the local church and was constantly on the look-out for young men and women to fill places of responsibility and service. He was also especially interested in the local prayer meeting and was most always present and ready to contribute some thought to the meeting. People both in town and college learned to love and admire him. He called on many people, especially the aged and sick, to bring words of comfort and cheer. Although not occupying the position of pastor of the church, he served well in that capacity, in addition to his added responsibilities as president of the college. Following his retirement from the active leadership of the church he continued to live in Mount Morris until the time of his death in 1917.

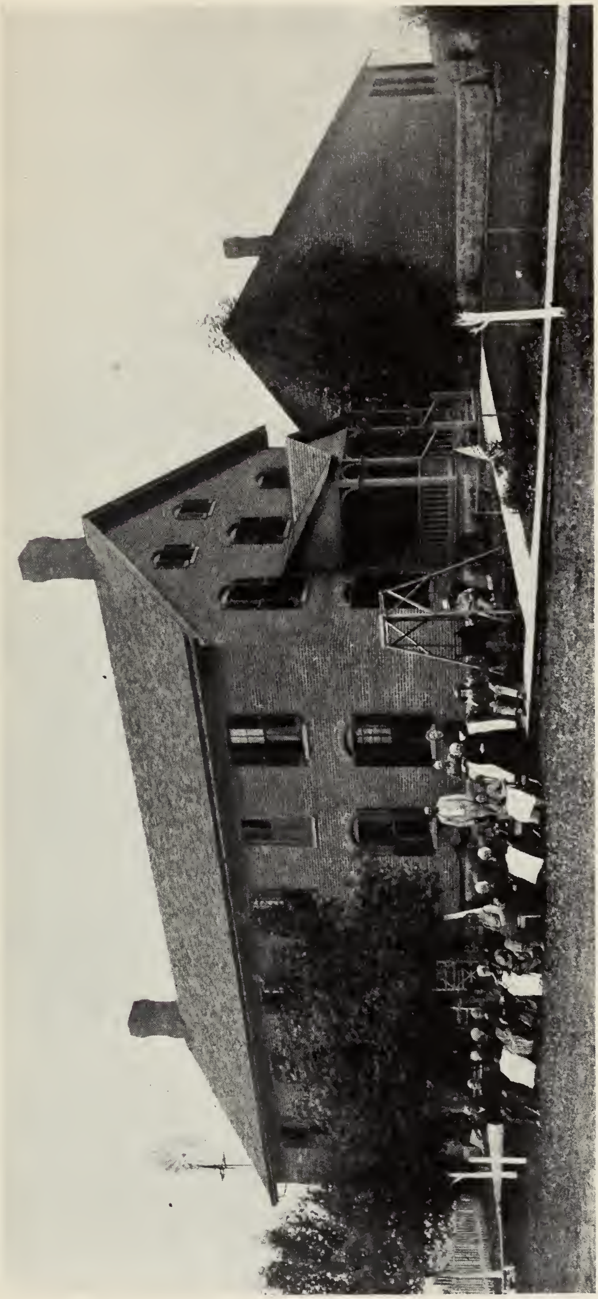
In 1911, M. W. Emmert was elected to take charge of the work and served most efficiently and faithfully as elder until 1915, and then again from 1921 until 1925 when failing health compelled him to give up the work.

During the period between 1915 and 1921, M. M. Sherick had oversight of the church. Since the retirement of Elder Emmert the eldership of the church has been in the hands of W. E. West, save only during the pastorate of Rev. Wine who served both as pastor and elder.

REV. G. E. WINE was pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Mount Morris from 1924 to 1928, when he resigned to accept a call from the church at Bridgewater, Va.

REV. FOSTER B. STATLER became the pastor of the Church of the Brethren in September, 1937. He was born at Windber, Pa., April 23, 1895, and was educated in the Windber High School, Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa. (A.B. 1920) and at Princeton Theological Seminary (Th.B., 1924). Before coming to Mount Morris, Rev. Statler held pastorates at Morrellville Church, Johnstown, Pa., two years; and at Huntingdon, Pa., eleven years.

There are a number of special organizations within the church, all of which are alive and active. The Sunday School was first organized in 1887 under the leadership of D. L. Miller. It proved highly successful from the beginning and always has enjoyed a large attendance. It early developed a marked missionary spirit and since 1903 has maintained a missionary on the foreign field, as well as contributing generously to home missionary needs. The present officers of the Sunday School are: H. M. Knodle, superintendent; M. H. Diehl, assistant superintendent; Roy McNutt, secretary.



THE OLD FOLKS HOME of the Brethren Church as it appeared in 1900 while Lewis Miller was superintendent.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1895. The society is largely occupied in raising funds for religious purposes by means of quilting and doing other sewing. It also collects garments to supply needs at missionary points. It has proved a valuable adjunct to the church. The officers are: Mrs. Anna Long, president; Mrs. H. E. Keller, vice-president; Mrs. Alta Barnhizer, secretary-treasurer.

The Missionary Society is interested in the study of the needs of the mission field and in the development of a truly missionary attitude. It meets for a program monthly at which time various phases of missionary interests are discussed. The officers of this organization are: A. E. Hecker, president; Jane Wingard, vice-president; Ira Rodeffer, treasurer.

Recently a Men's Brotherhood was organized in which all the men of the church are enrolled. It meets once each month to discuss problems vital to the church and to propose policies to be followed. Two results of its activities have been the liquidation of the parsonage debt and the purchase of a Hammond electric organ for the church. The officers of the organization are: Ira R. Hendrickson, president; Dale Lizer, vice-president; Kenneth Zellers, secretary-treasurer.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mount Morris was organized in March, 1880, by State Evangelist J. H. Wright with about forty charter members. Prior to 1880 there were probably about a dozen members of this faith living in Mount Morris. The Christian Church at Pine Creek was the nearest place where they could worship according to their faith and frequently they were in attendance at that place.

During the fall of 1879, Rev. D. G. Howe, pastor of the Lanark Christian Church, conducted a series of revival meetings here, lasting over three weeks, during which time about fifteen converts were made. These, with those already members of the church, immediately decided to establish a church in Mount Morris, and after extended negotiations finally purchased the brick edifice in the eastern part of the town, which had been property of the Lutheran Church and been used by them for many years, but was vacant on account of the building of their new edifice in the west part of town. For this property they paid $900.00 and during the winter of 1879-'80 several hundred dollars more were expended in repairing the church—painting it inside and out, building the steeple, furnishing the interior with new seats and putting in the baptistry under the pulpit and the dressing rooms on either side.

After the building had been prepared for occupancy, occurred the organization of the church by State Evangelist J. H. Wright, in March, 1880, as previously mentioned. Jacob Keedy, W. S. Blake and Joseph Wagner were chosen the first trustees; Dr. Mershon and C. G. Blakslee, elders; and W. S. Blake and Scott Kennedy as deacons.

For about a year the organization conducted its own services, until 1881, when Rev. G. W. Ross was engaged as pastor, dividing his time equally with the Pine Creek congregation. Rev. J. H. Carr came next in the spring of 1885, and remained two years, and was followed by Rev. D. R. Howe, who came over from Lanark every two weeks to preach. His pastorate was brief, and the Rev. G. W. Pearl took charge, alternating every other Sunday with the Pine Creek congregation.

Following him came in succession the Revs. T. B. Stanley, C. T. Spitler, J. B. Wright and H. G. Waggoner, all of

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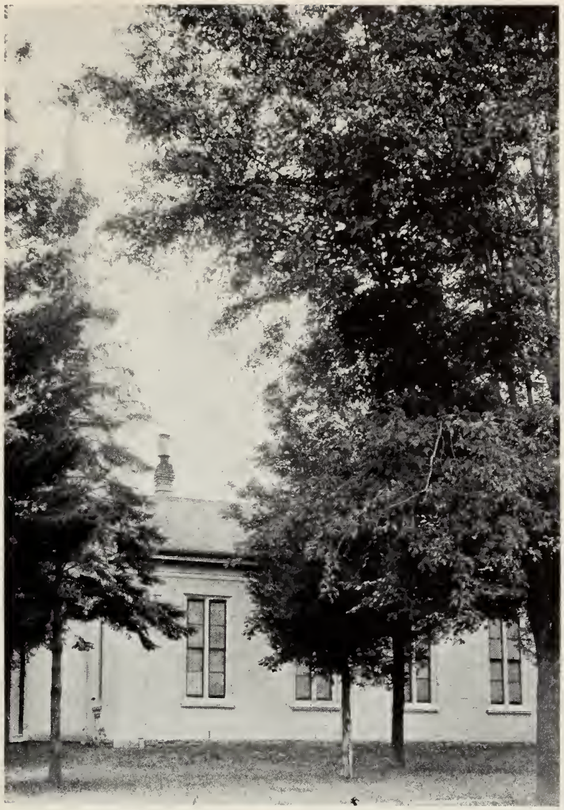
REV. DAVID F. SEYSTER was pastor of the Christian Church for several years beginning in 1900. He was the son of David and Catherine (Newcomer) Seyster and was born June 14, 1858, in Pine Creek Township. He attended the country school and Polo High School. He graduated from Eureka College in 1894 and entered the ministry. He served churches at Kankakee and Lynnville before taking the Mount Morris and Pine Creek charges. He married Emma Wolf in 1885.



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, which was built in 1854 by the Lutherans and sold to the Christian congregation in 1879, when it was repaired and improved.

whom devoted their entire time to the charge, each remaining about two years with the exception of Messrs. Spitler and Waggoner, who were here only about one year. After the departure of Rev. Waggoner the church was without a pastor about a year, until Rev. D. F. Seyster took charge in February, 1900. Rev. Seyster lived at Pine Creek and divided his time between the Mount Morris and Pine Creek churches.

Rev. Seyster served the church for a number of years, then was followed by a long list of ministers who served only one or two years, as follows: Revs. DePoister, Goss, Carr (second ministry here), Hacker, Sales, Madden, Candler, Page, Shearer, Hurst, Sparks, and Nethercutt.

In 1928, Rev. N. A. Bolinger began what was to be the longest ministry in the history of the church, serving until early in 1938. During his ministry, he renewed the cooperative arrangement with the Pine Creek congregation, which had been discontinued some time previously.

In May, 1938, the present minister, Rev. W. Harold Wiltz, took charge, and he also serves both the Mount Morris and Pine Creek congregations.

During its occupancy by the Disciples of Christ, the church building was enlarged three times. About 1886, a small room was built as a wing to the south of the original brick building. In 1927, this wing was extended to its present size, and a kitchen was constructed at the rear of the wing. Then in 1936, a full basement was completed under the

REV. NOBLE A. BOLINGER, who has just finished a successful pastorate of the Christian Church in Mount Morris, is the son of Andrew and Ida (Hoke) Bollinger, and was born in Huntington, Ind. The family consisted of 13 children. He married Clara Elizabeth Wine in 1924 and they have two children, John Andrew and Harry Wayne. Rev. Bollinger is now located at Rock Island, Ill.

original building, a more modern heating plant was installed, and various other repairs were made.

Of far greater significance than these facts of ministers and buildings, was a change in program made at the beginning of 1935. The services of church and Sunday school were unified in program and budget. Special services for children were arranged, beginning with the church hour and continuing through the church school period. All offerings and methods of financing the work of the church except voluntary offerings at the church service were eliminated.

The reason this change of program is of interest to others than the local congregation is that its successful application here encouraged other congregations of various faiths, who had been thinking along similar lines, to adopt these changes, resulting in a greater interest on the part of both children and adults, and the placing of church financing on a sounder basis in those churches.

Looking ahead, it is hoped that these first 60 years will be but the beginning of a long service to the community, expanding and strengthening the Christian faith among men, in close cooperation with other churches.

The church has grown with the community and because the two have grown together we have a kindred spirit one with the other. The span of a hundred years history belongs to this people. From a group of houses and people, this church has witnessed the building of a highly progressive community with a publishing house that has risen from a very small beginning to one of the finest in the country. The things physical have helped us to grow but our real development and growth as a church depends on the Christian attitude of our people. We face the future with joy and anticipation.

REV. W. HAROLD WILTZ came to Mount Morris in May, 1938, to become pastor of the local Christian Church. He is the son of Oliver J. and Margaret (Ferris) Wiltz and was born March 1, 1907, at Champaign, Ill. His education was obtained in the Peoria schools and at Eureka College where he graduated in 1931. His theological training was at the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., where he received his B. D. degree in 1935. He has been in the ministry since 1927, serving churches at St. Augustine and Lexington, Ill., Bolton, Conn., and Havana, Ill. Rev. Wiltz was married Oct. 15, 1933, to Edna Maye Richey.

Chapter 16

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE people of Mount Morris have been in many respects different from those in other communities. The village was founded by the seminary and as a result enjoyed an unusual educational and religious atmosphere during her entire hundred years of existence.

Furthermore, Mount Morris people seemed to have unusual musical talent and produced many competent musicians and musical organizations.

As early as 1845, only six years after the founding of the village, a brass band was organized to which many early citizens belonged who later became prominent men in the community. This was doubtless the first band in the county. Old records of the band preserved by Mrs. Mary Knodle, kept by her husband, Peter Knodle, show that the members were H. J. Burns, Peter Knodle, John F. Grosh, Samuel Knodle, Jacob A. Knodle, Jonathan Knodle, Nathan Evans, A. C. Marston, Simon Warner, A. Coffman, Robert S. Hitt, Chauncey Sheldon, Andrew Hitt, Frederick Finkbohnar, Christian Finkbohnar, Frederick B. Brayton, Henry Neff, William Lott, William J. Fouke, F. Hendrick and B. G. Stephens. These were not all members at its first organization, but some came in later to supply the places occasionally made vacant by the dropping out of older players.

John F. Grosh assumed the leadership shortly after organization. This band appears to have existed until sometime in the early fifties, and, owing to the scarcity of such organizations in northern Illinois at that time, traveled among the surrounding towns quite extensively.

Before proceeding further, it will be well to mention two musical families who have lived in Mount Morris and were intimately connected for many years with all matters concerning the melodious art. Henry A. Neff has already been mentioned as a member of the first band in Mount Morris. His wife also possessed musical talent and this talent was transmitted undimin-

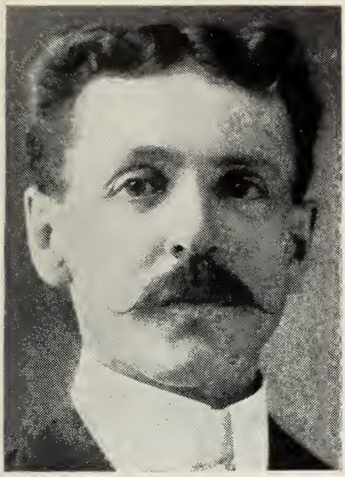
DAVID S. McCOSH, nationally known band leader and composer, was the son of Dr. John and Elizabeth McCosh, and was born Dec. 15, 1847, in Franklin County, Pa. He died at Polo, Ill., Nov. 1, 1936, aged nearly 89 years. The family moved to Mount Morris when he was 17 years old, and after attending Rock River Seminary, he began his musical career. He became a talented cornet player and was the director of many famous bands and orchestras. He wrote and arranged hundreds of band and orchestra selections, the most famous of which was "Hear Dem Bells." In later years he became an expert music engraver and was engaged by music publishers to write, arrange and engrave books of orchestra dance music. For a number of years he resided in Mount Morris and directed the local band. In 1879, he married Charlotte Huntington, and two sons, Dudley and Leighton, were born to them.

GREGOR THOMPSON'S ORCHESTRA of about the year 1890. Front row, left to right, Chas. Ford, Thomas Newcomer, Gregor Thompson, Levi Bear, Irvin Thomas; standing, E. E. Winders, Henry Magoon, John Thomas and Oscar Doward.

ished to their four sons, Milton, Clark, Addison W. and Emery I., and two daughters, Lura (Mr. A. S. McCoy's first wife), and Nettie (Mrs. G. W. Deppen). Milton was the musical genius of the family, having been probably the best all-around cornet player the town has ever produced. When leader of the band, he contributed much to its success by his fine execution of cornet solos. Clark Neff, for many years also leader of the band, was also a fine cornetist, and figured conspicuously in musical circles. Milton died at Mount Morris in 1878, and Clark also died in Mount Morris in 1892.

The other family in question is the McCosh family, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. John McCosh and their five sons, David S., James, Dr. George B., Scott, and Benjamin; and three daughters, Sarah, Susie and Lucia. D. S. McCosh made music his profession, and wrote hundreds of fine selections for band and orchestra and led many large bands. He played a variety of instruments and when younger was a fine cornetist. In fact, he was the musical genius of the family. "Hear Dem Bells," a vocal selection composed by him, reached the circulation of many hundred thousand copies. His musical publications have altogether been very successful on the market. Dr. G. B. McCosh attained much proficiency as a tuba player in some of the old bands, and also played a number of other instruments. He composed some music, showing that he possessed much undeveloped ability. Benjamin also became a music publisher and band leader. These three and also Scott and James, who lived in Tennessee, all were thorough musicians and played for years in the old bands of Mount Morris. The three daughters of the McCosh family were equally talented. Sarah, who married Jacob Strock and raised a musical family, was a talented vocalist. Susie, who married Chas. H. Sharer, raised a large family, all of whom had exceptional musical ability. She possessed a fine soprano voice and became very well known as a soloist. Lucia, who married Milo R. Maltbie, now living in New York City, became a very talented pianist and for a number of years headed the music department of Mount Morris College.

Among vocalists who claimed Mount Morris as their home, probably the most conspicuous was Miss Catherine McNeill, daughter of Dr. Francis A.



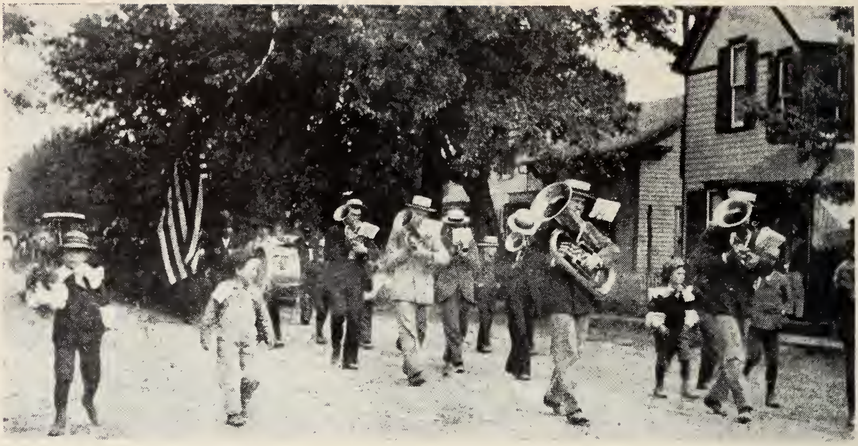
ULYSSES C. NYE, a talented musician who spent many years in Mount Morris, was the son of John H. and Catherine R. (Coffman) Nye and was born at Mount Morris, Apr. 12, 1864. He was educated in the Mount Morris Public School and Mount Morris College, after which he spent seven years at Huron, S. Dak., returning to take up a musical course at Chicago Musical College, where he graduated in 1894. He spent two years in California and then returned to Mount Morris, where he followed his vocation of music teacher, part of the time with Mount Morris College. In 1887, he married Ella M. Fellows, who died in 1895. Their daughter, born in 1888, died in infancy. Mr. Nye moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he married again and is now a resident of Los Angeles, Calif.

and Barbara McNeill, who was married to Dr. Hoffman at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, in 1899. Miss McNeill's beautiful contralto voice was developed in the best schools at Boston and Paris, after which she traveled extensively with the best opera companies of the country.

Among the talented musicians Mount Morris has turned out, in addition to the Neff and McCosh families, should be mentioned Mrs. Maria (Hitt) Newcomer, who taught music in Rock River Seminary; U. C. Nye, a graduate of Chicago Musical College; Olive Lipe, daughter of Rev. L. L. Lipe and a graduate of the Wisconsin State University; Mrs. J. L. Rice, who studied in Boston; Miss Pearl Williams, student at Chicago Musical College; Mrs. Aida (Neff) Remmer, talented pianist; Lura (Neff) Chambers, who taught both voice and piano at Mount Morris College; William Lohafer, cornet; Merritt S. Miller, violinist, graduate of Chicago Musical College; and many others of exceptional ability.

Among musicians of the present day should be mentioned Lorraine Brown Thomas, pipe organist at the Lutheran Church and former instructor of piano at the college; Mrs. Robert Hough, pipe organist at the Methodist Church; Mrs. Dolores Huffman, instructor of piano; Jerry Huffman, cornet soloist with local band, formerly with Sousa; Howard Bronson, director of Kable Band and formerly with Sousa; and many other members of the band who

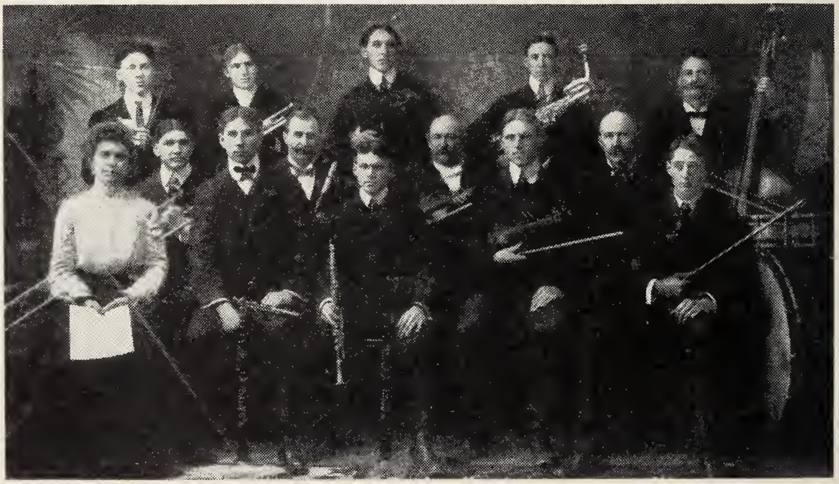
MERRITT S. MILLER, only son of Jacob G. and Anne Catherine (Swingley) Miller, was born in Mount Morris, May 5, 1885. He graduated from Mount Morris High School and the commercial department of Mount Morris College. He attended the Chicago Musical College, where he graduated in violin, harmony and theory. He also attended the Machek Violin Institute in Chicago. He was employed as linotype operator by Kable Brothers Company from 1907 to 1910 and during this same period was director of the Kable Brothers Company Band. Since 1910 to the present, he has been continuously employed as a linotype operator on Rockford newspapers, and in the meantime he has kept up his work as a professional musician. He was married in 1910 to Lela Keedy and they have one daughter, Jean Elizabeth.



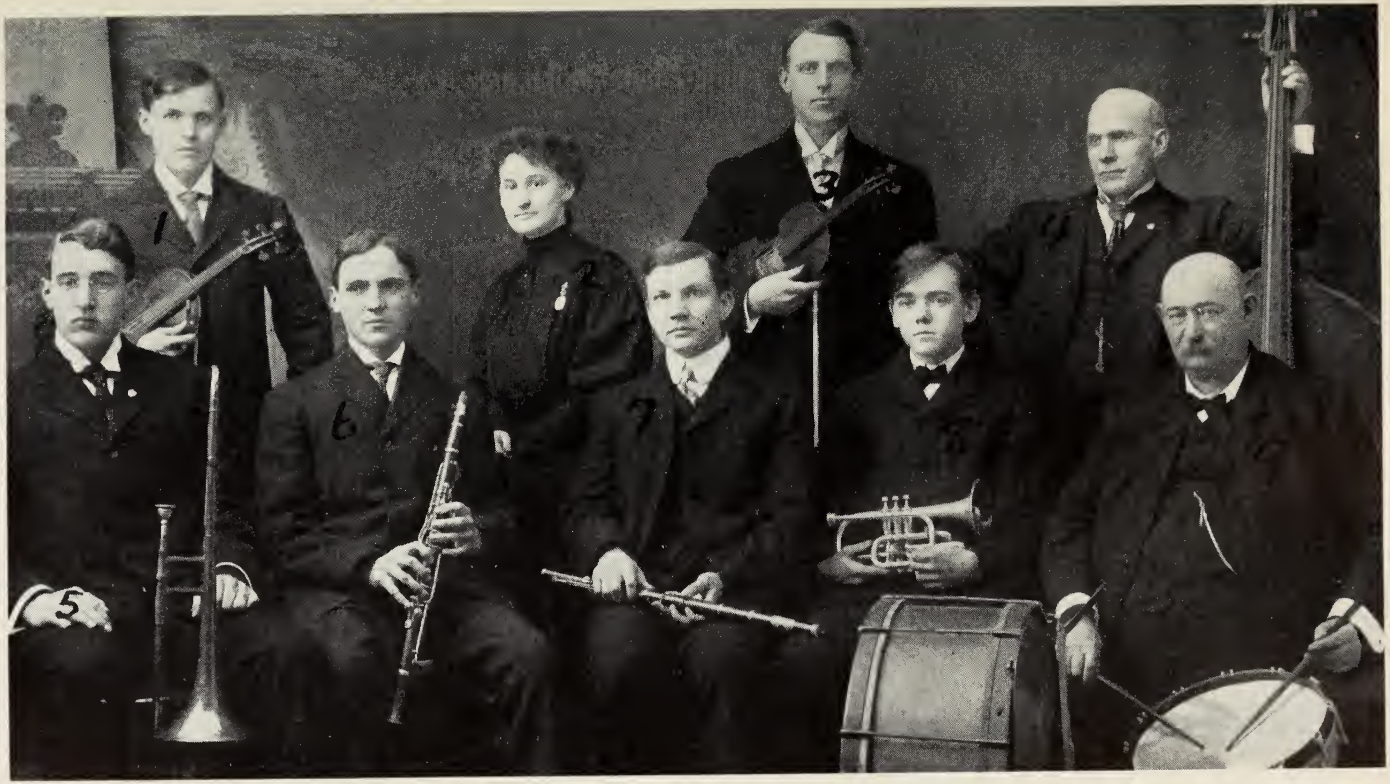
THIS PICTURE shows the first public appearance of the band organized in the winter of 1897, which has been in continuous organization for over forty years. This picture was snapped of the Decoration Day parade and the old soldiers may be seen following the band with Robert Crosby carrying the flag. The members of the band are Harvey Kable and Harry Kable at the front, followed by Robert Buser, Leslie Rees, Earl Clevidence, Burton Strock, Wm. Fouke and Vernon Rees.

formerly were professional musicians.

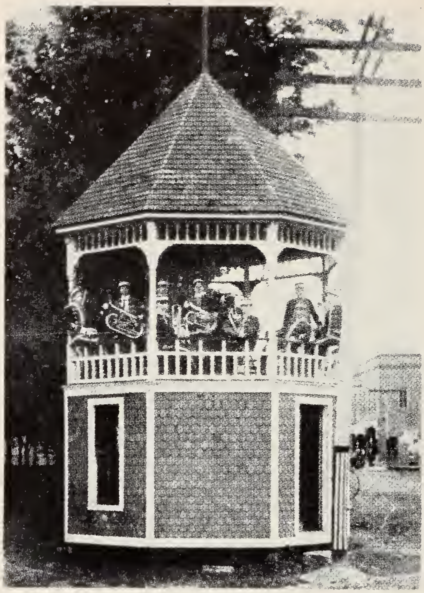
To get back to the subject of bands, the first old band was disorganized in about the early fifties. About the year 1867 a new band was organized with Morris Gaffin as leader. Some of the early members were Clark and Milton Neff, David and James McCosh, William Bull, Calvin Potter, David Rine, John Nye, Frank Knodle, Lee Crofts, George Keplinger, Jacob Fager and Charles Knodle. The band continued



THIS MOUNT MORRIS ORCHESTRA was in existence about the year 1900, and includes the faces of some of Mount Morris's best musicians. First row, left to right, Mildred Strock, H. G. Kable, Verne Roland, Joseph Moats, Blair McCosh, Frank Knodle, Chas. Weaver, David S. McCosh, Merritt Deppen; standing, Burton Strock, Oscar Olson, Merritt S. Miller, Roy Brayton, Oscar L. Doward.



McCOSH'S ORCHESTRA OF 1907: (1) Wentworth Sharer, (2) Aida Neff Remmer, (3) Chas. Weaver, (4) Dr. Geo. B. McCosh, (5) Merritt Deppen, (6) Max Sharer, (7) Harvey Kable, (8) Milford Hinds, (9) Frank Knodle.



THIS WAS THE FIRST BANDSTAND built in Mount Morris. It first stood on the corner of the campus opposite the hotel, but was later moved north to the center of the business section. It was torn down in 1917 to make room for a larger and more modern stand.

in organization for probably not less than twenty years, with, however, a continual change of membership, owing to the coming and going of musical talent. Probably the best period in its existence was during the time when Milton Neff was leader. At that time some of the members were Clark and Emory Neff, George and Benj. McCosh, Charles and F. F. Knodle, Charles Sharer, Ed. Allen and James Webb. They played in a number of contests and had many engagements at fairs at Oregon, Rochelle and Mount Carroll, and for numerous other events.

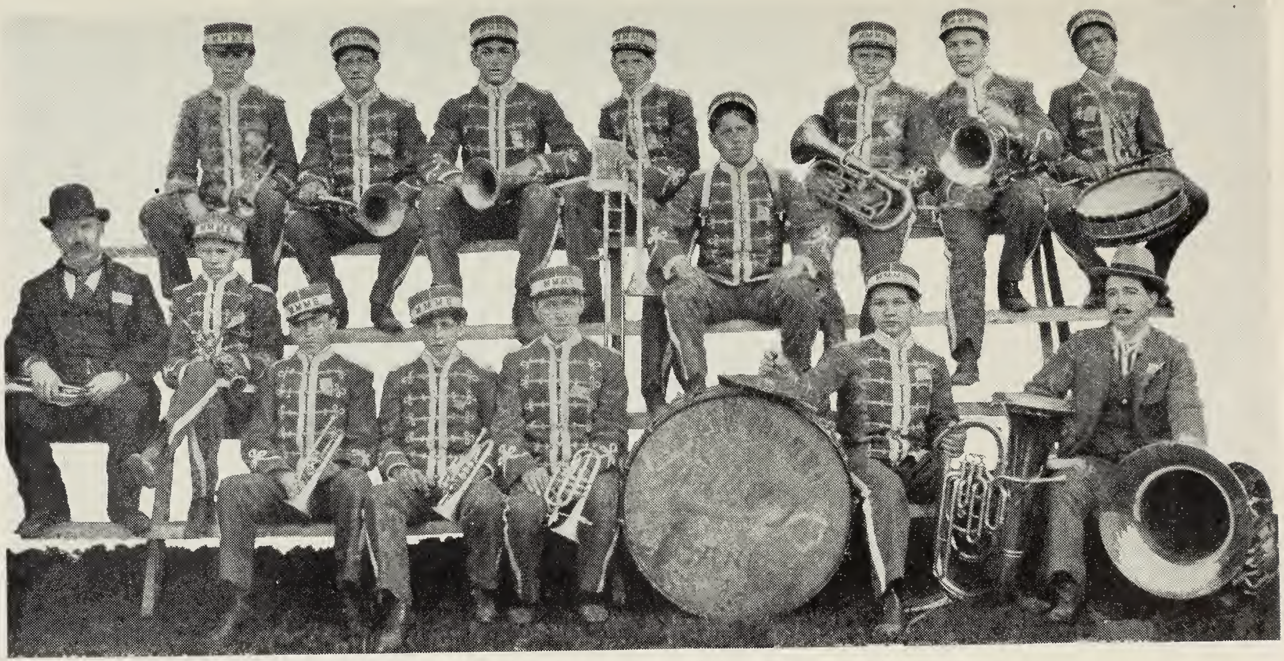
The outstanding musical organization in Mount Morris, however, during the past 40 years has been the concert band, now known as the Kable Brothers Company Band. This famous musical organization was organized in 1897 by Chas. H. Canode and H. G. Kable. On page 336 will be seen a picture of the first appearance of this band of only eight pieces and the members who belonged to it. During the intervening 40 years the band existed under a number of different names and was directed by a long list of competent bandmasters.

When organized in 1897 it was known as the Mount Morris News Band and was taught by Chas. H. Canode, the publisher of the Mount Morris News. The next director was Burton Strock, a descendant of the musical McCosh family, and he was followed for a short period by Wm. Lohafer.

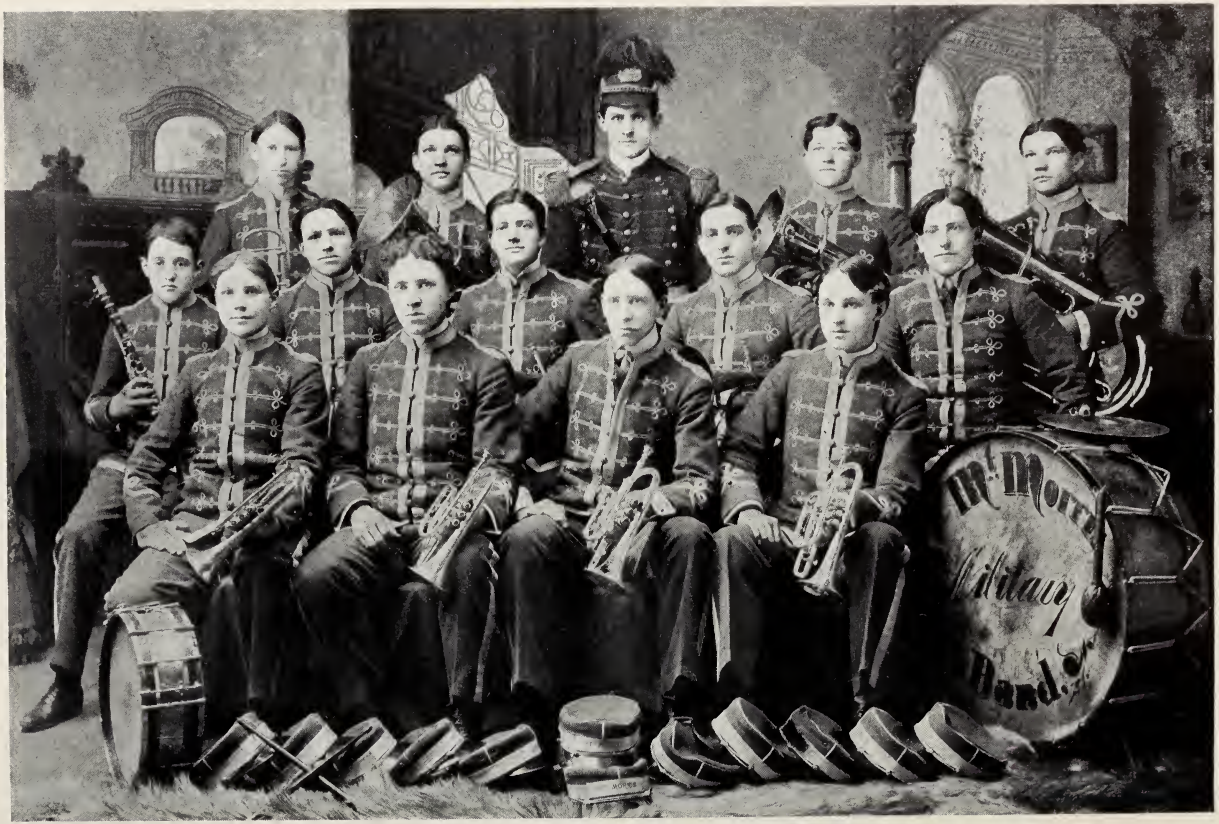
Merritt S. Miller directed the band

JOSEPH VEZZETTI was director of the Kable Brothers Company Band in the year 1918. He was an Italian and a musician of unusual ability both as a performer and as director. When last heard from he was located in West Virginia.

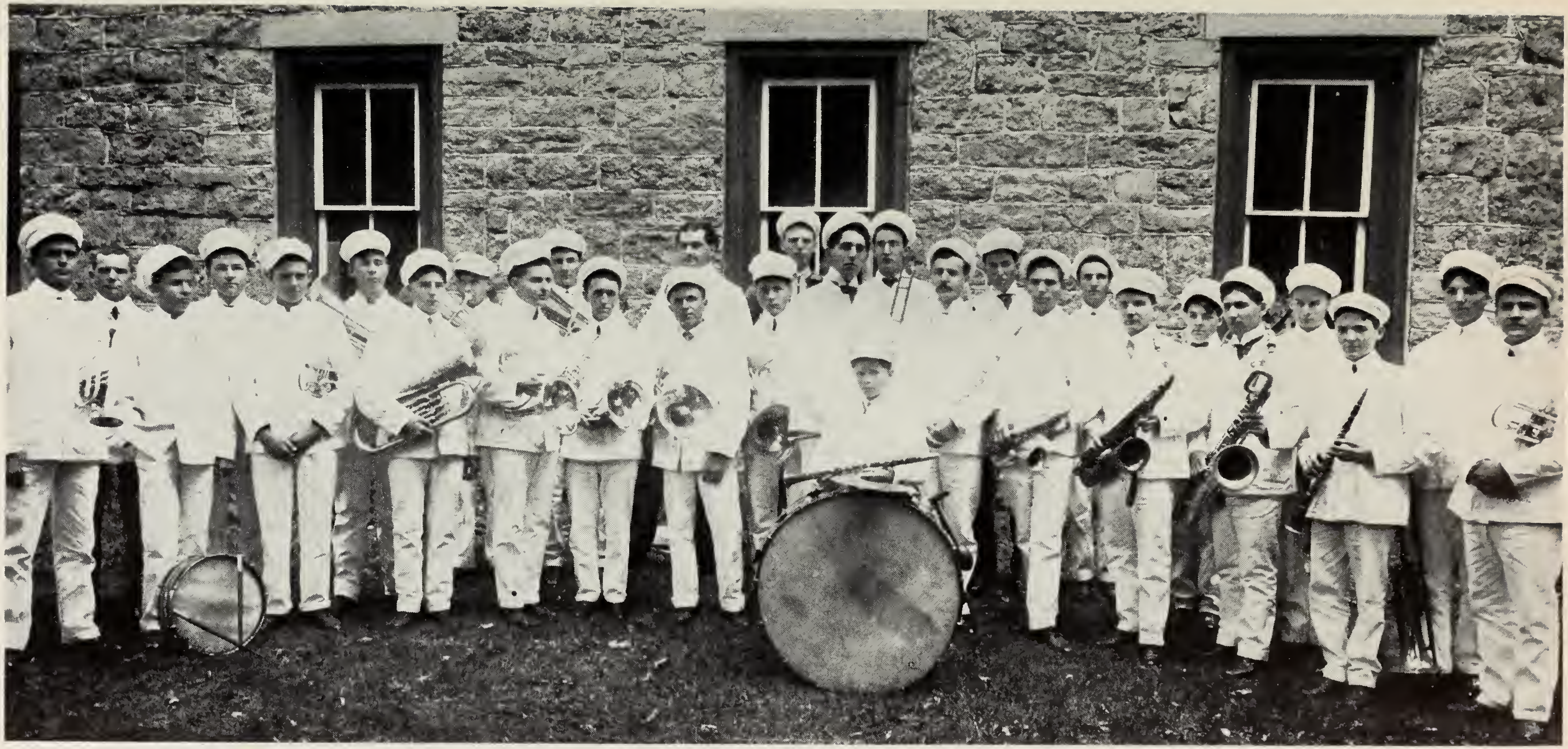
JAMES WATSON came to Mount Morris as director of the band in November, 1916. He was born in Scotland, and at the age of eight years he started his musical career by playing cornet on the concert stage. Later he came to Canada and directed a number of bands. For five years he was director of the Montana State Prison Band. Mr. Watson directed the Mount Morris Concert Band from November, 1916, to the end of the 1917 season.



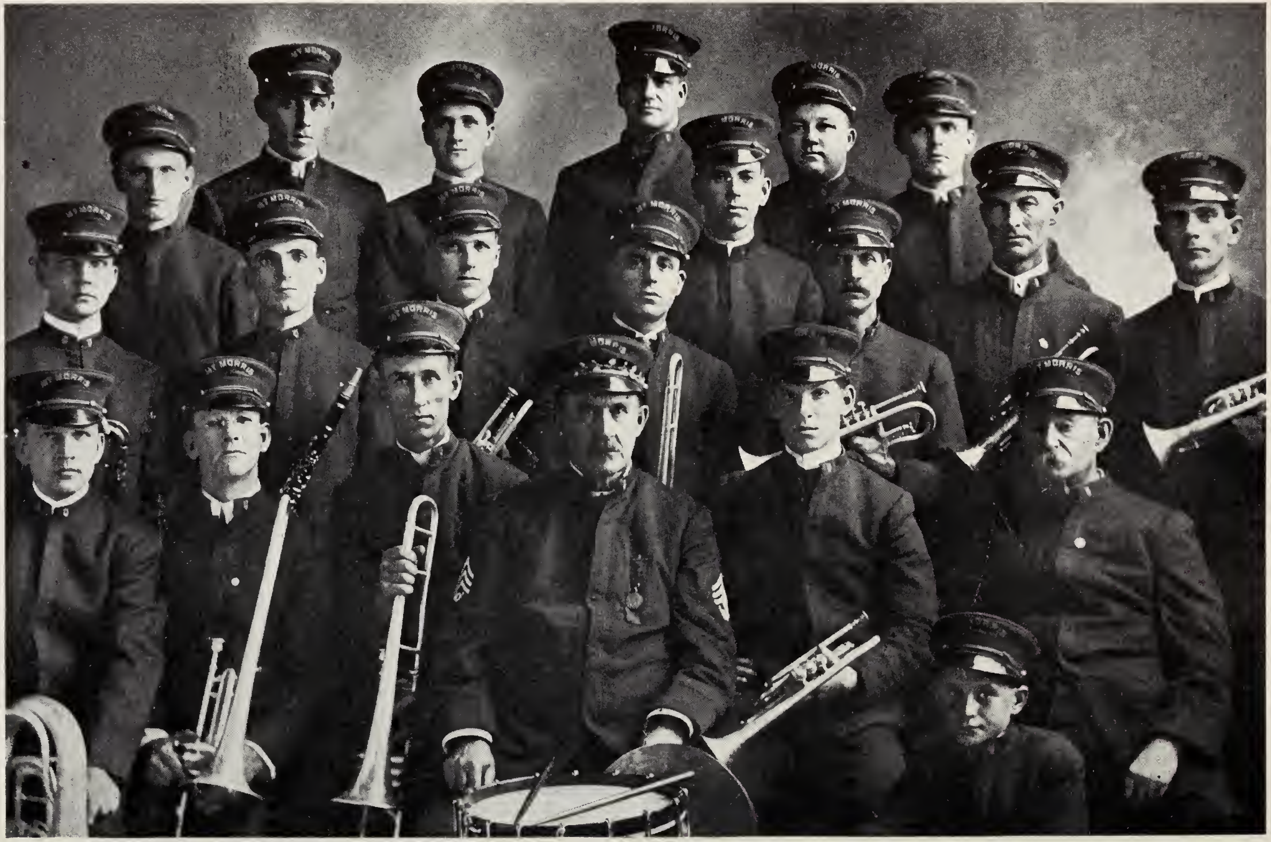
THIS PICTURE of the Mount Morris Military Band was taken in 1898 while the band was filling an engagement at Forreston. First row, left to right, David S. McCosh, Blair McCosh, Roy Brayton, Leighton McCosh, Burton Strock, H. J. Kable, H. C. Walrath; top row, Roy Jackson, Leslie Rees, Earl Clevidence, Ernest Brayton, Wm. Fouke, Robert Buser, Harry Kable, Vernon Rees.



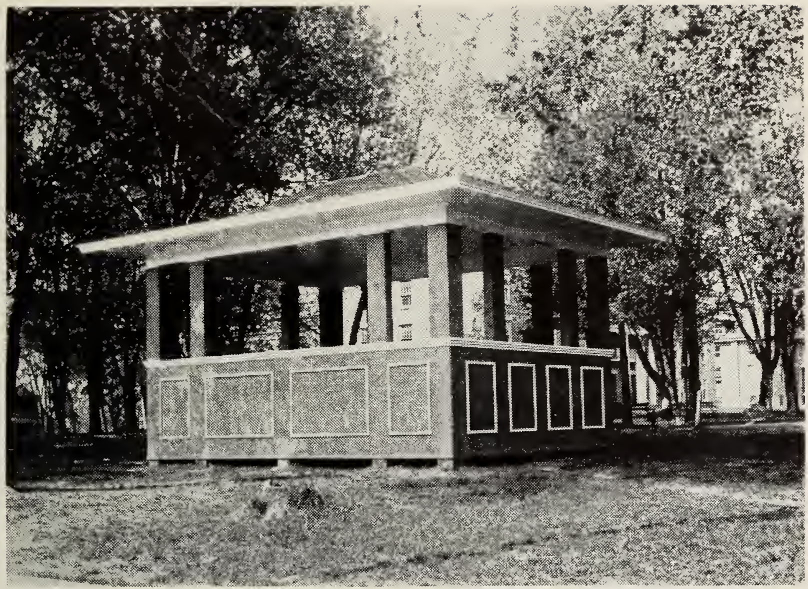
MOUNT MORRIS has always had a good band. Here is the band which existed in 1900. It was named the Mount Morris Military Band and Burton Strock was the leader. Those in the picture are, top row: Ernest Brayton, Harry Kable, Elmer Shank, Clayton Gloss and Harvey Kable. Middle row: Merritt Deppen, Vernon Rees, Leslie Rees, Earl Clevidence and Wm. Fouke. Front row: Oscar Olson, Burton Strock, Roy Brayton, Roy Jackson.



THE ABOVE picture of the band, which was then known as the Mount Morris Concert Band, was taken during the summer of 1905. From left to right, those in the picture are George Emmert, Frank Canode, Perley Rees, C. G. Gloss, Clifford Miller, Roy Deppen, John Donaldson, Wentworth Sharer, Clyde Davis, Ray Iler, Carl Stutsman, S. E. Avey, Dr. C. J. Price, Chas. Baker, Chas. Weaver, Merritt S. Miller, Mac McCosh, Merritt Deppen, U. C. Nye, Walter McNett, Frank Brinker, Harry Longman, H. J. Kable, Roy Thomas, S. S. Goughnour, Dr. J. H. Ritson, Max Sharer, Maurice Tice and H. G. Kable. Many of these members were beginners, and not one of them is now a regular member of the band. Merritt S. Miller was the director of the above band.



THE ABOVE picture of the Mount Morris Concert Band was taken at Mount Carroll, Ill., on Aug. 27, 1913, at which time the band was awarded first prize in a band contest at the Carroll County Fair. Those in the picture are, from left to right, top row: Mac McCosh, H. E. Longman, Harry Rock, Leslie Rees, Clifford Windle, C. G. Gloss, Wentworth Sharer, William Lohafer, Robert Clark. Second row: H. J. Kable, Max Sharer, Oscar Olson, John Donaldson, Joe Rock. Front row: H. G. Kable, Robert Toole, Ed. Marvin, D. S. McCosh (director), Max Mishler, Frank Knodle and Orville Rock (at bottom).



THIS BAND STAND was erected on the college campus in 1917 at a cost of $500. Herlock Longman solicited the funds for building the stand and superintended its construction. This stand was replaced in 1922 by the present shell.

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THE TUBA or bass section of the Kable Brothers Company Band in 1920. From left to right, H. E. Longman, Emmert Wolfe, Leslie Rees and Harry Rock.

FRANCIS A. MYERS, well-known composer and bandmaster, came to Mount Morris in 1920 and was director of the Kable band for three years, during which time the organization made marked progress. Prof. Myers returned to Utica, N.Y., where he has since continued his band work.

for two different periods, first in 1905 and again in 1909 and 1910.

David S. McCosh directed the band during the season of 1906 and also from 1911 to 1915. Dr. George B. McCosh was the director during the season of 1907.

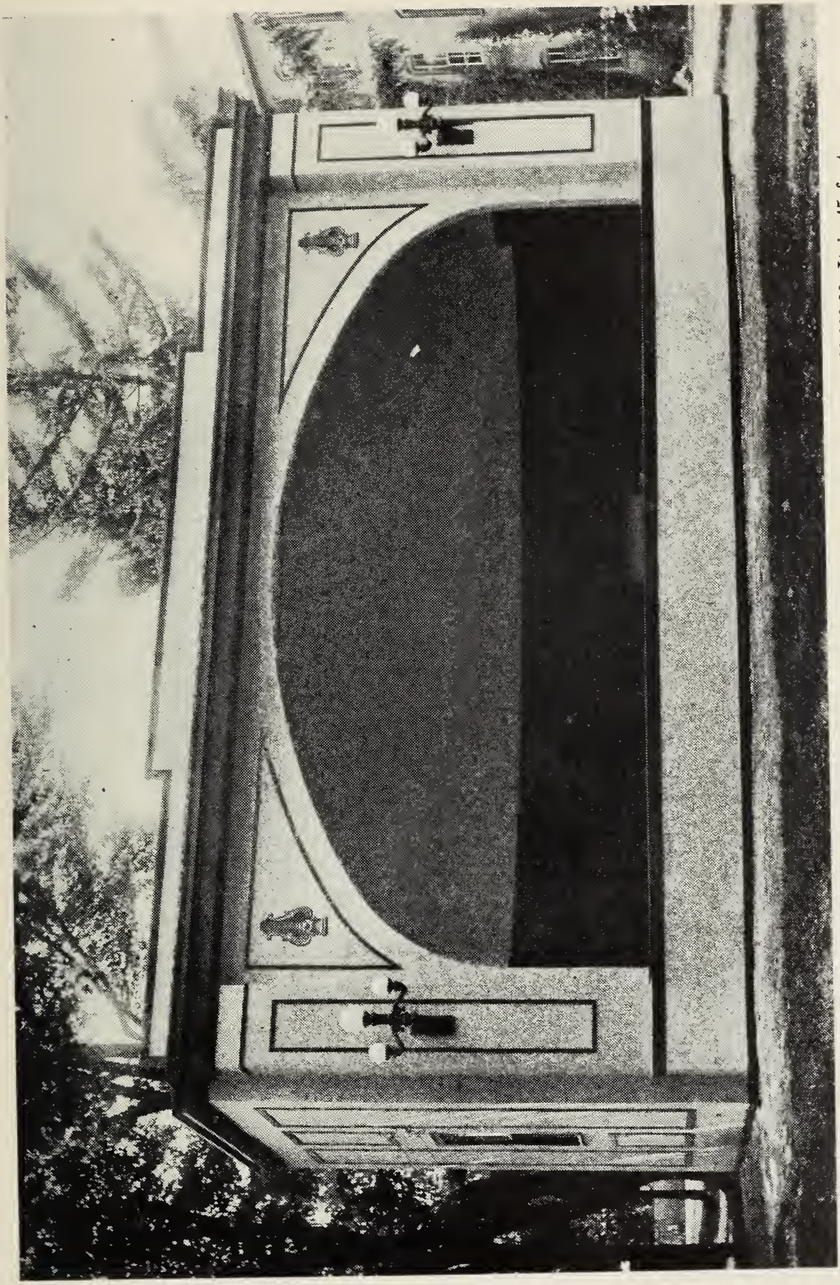
From 1916 to 1920, the band had a different director each season, as follows: 1916, M. G. Rader; 1917, James Watson; 1918, Joseph Vezetti; 1919, Ned Smith.

In 1920, Francis A. Myers came to Mount Morris from Utica, New York, and over a period of three years built the organization up to a fine 50-piece concert band. During this period the band shell was erected. From that time until the present, the band has been recognized as one of the finest concert bands in the country.

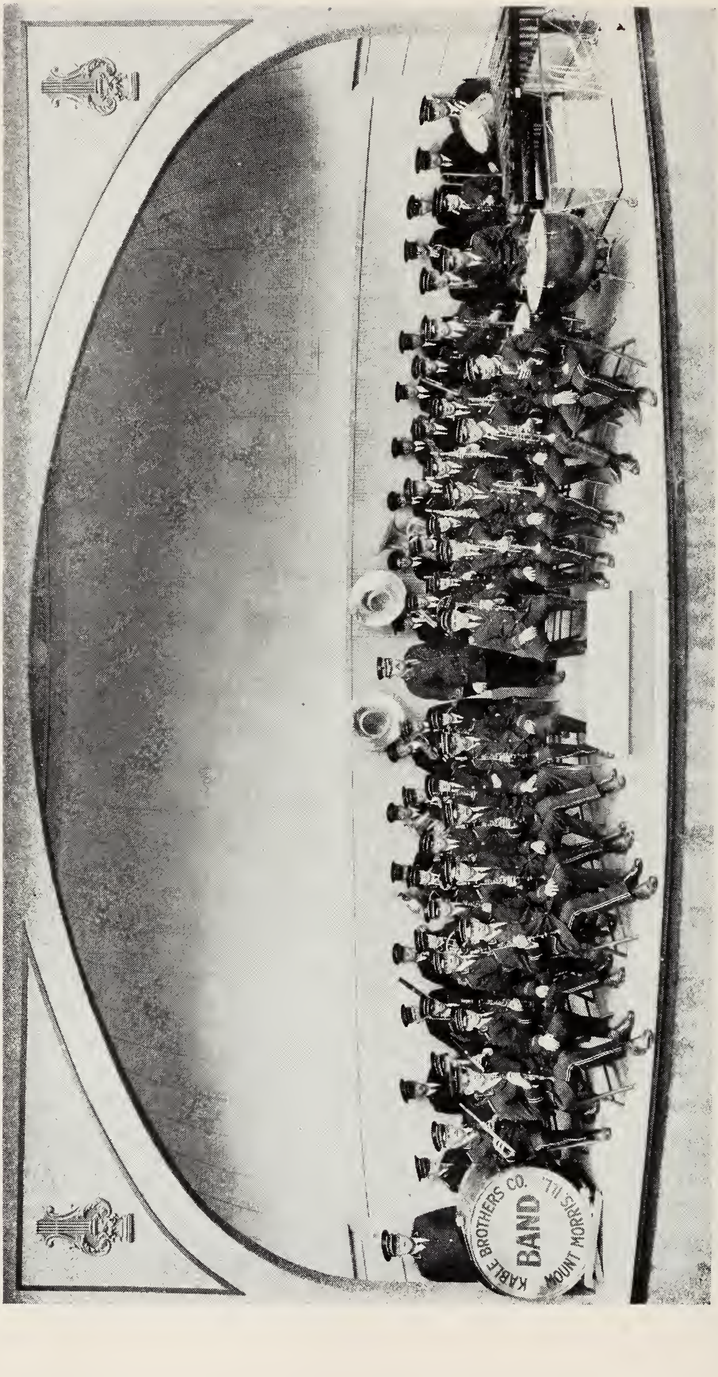
MURDOCH J. MACDONALD, talented cornet and xylophone soloist, and bandmaster, came to Mount Morris to take charge of the Kable band in November. 1927. The concert season of 1928 was one of the most popular in the history of the band. Mrs. Macdonald, a professional vocalist, added much to the programs. Mr. Macdonald is now located in Detroit.

GERALD HUFFMAN, talented cornet soloist and assistant director of the Kable band, came to Mount Morris in February, 1930. He previously played with Sousa's Band, the United States Navy Band, Smith's Scotch Highlanders and other organizations. He belongs to a musical family and is considered one of the very best cornet soloists in the country.

Prof. Myers left in 1922 and was succeed in 1923 by L. M. DeArvil, who proved to be a competent bandmaster and continued to improve the organization for a period of four years. During this period the band became the regimental band of the 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, which position it has held up to the present time. Each year in August the band goes to



THIS SHELL-TYPE BANDSTAND was erected in 1922 at a cost of nearly $3,000.00. It is 45 feet in length, 20 feet deep and 26 feet in height. It will comfortably seat 50 musicians. The stand was constructed by Frank McPherson and superintended by Willis Mumma and Herlock Longman.


KABLE BROTHERS CO.
BAND
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KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY BAND about the year 1924, under the direction of L. M. DeArvil. There were a number of women in the band at that time.

HOWARD C. BRONSON, director of the Kable Brothers Company Band since 1929, was the son of Fred M. and Elsie (Dodgson) Bronson, and was born at Algona, Iowa, Nov. 4, 1889. He attended the Watertown (S. Dak.) Grade and High Schools, the Sioux Falls Business College and the Long Island School of Music. He became a professional musician and was a member of the famous Sousa Band for seven years. He was connected with the 4th Regiment Band of the South Dakota National Guard, and assistant bandmaster in the U. S. Navy. In the World War he was a commissioned bandmaster. Since coming to Mount Morris, he has commanded the 129th Infantry Band with the present rank of captain. Since 1935 he has been president of the U. S. Army & Navy Bandsmen's Association. He is employed by Kable Brothers Company as purchasing agent and personnel director. Mr. Bronson was married in 1927 to Frances Tidrick and they have a daughter, Barbara Jean. He is a member of the Masons, Consistory, Shrine, Elks, Moose and the local Lutheran Church.

Camp Grant near Rockford for two weeks' military training. During the first three or four years band contests were held among all of the regimental bands in camp and in every instance the Kable band won first prize, represented by a large silver cup.

Mr. DeArvil resigned his position at the end of the concert season in 1927 and Murdoch J. Macdonald became the bandmaster during the year 1928. He brought several professional musicians with him, together with his talented wife, who was a professional vocal soloist, and the concert season of 1928 was a very popular one.

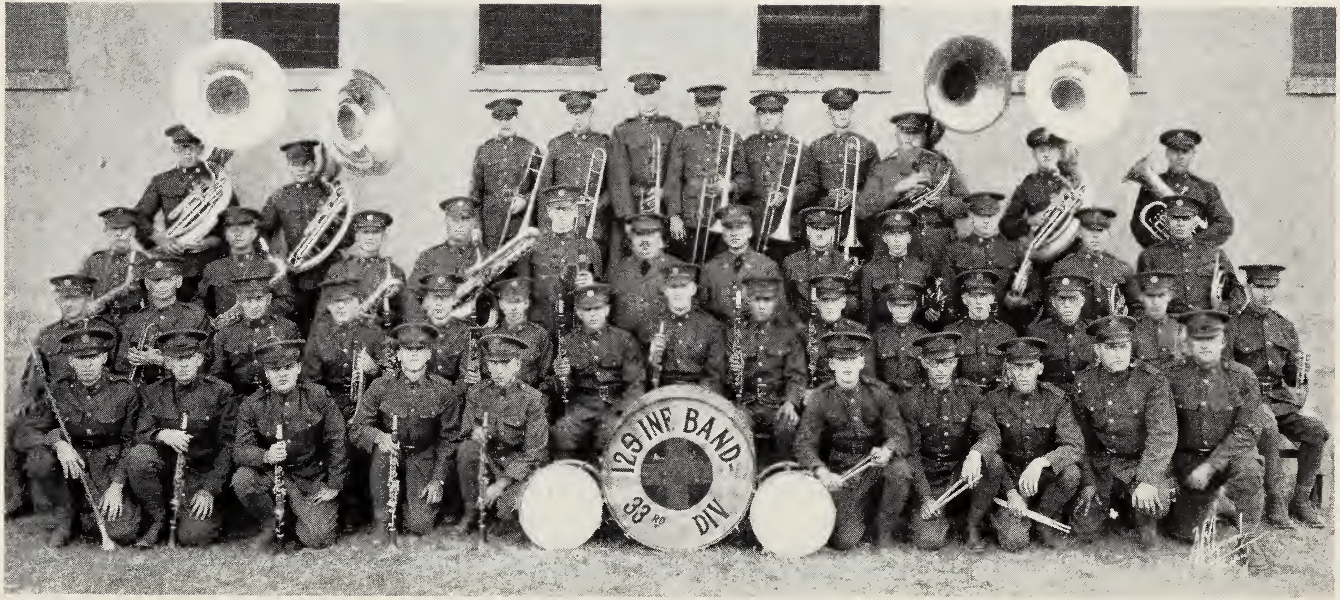
Mr. Macdonald stayed but one season and Dudley H. McCosh, son of the former bandmaster, David S. McCosh, was engaged in October, 1928, but his health failed and he died in January, 1929.

Howard C. Bronson, a former army and navy bandmaster and for seven years clarinetist with the Sousa Band, was engaged in February, 1929, and has been director of the band until the present time. He has kept up the high standards of the band maintained by his predecessors and has gained a national reputation as a bandmaster. During this period he has taken the band to Camp Grant each summer and was promoted from Warrant Officer to Lieutenant, and now has the rank of Captain on the staff of the commanding officer of the regiment.

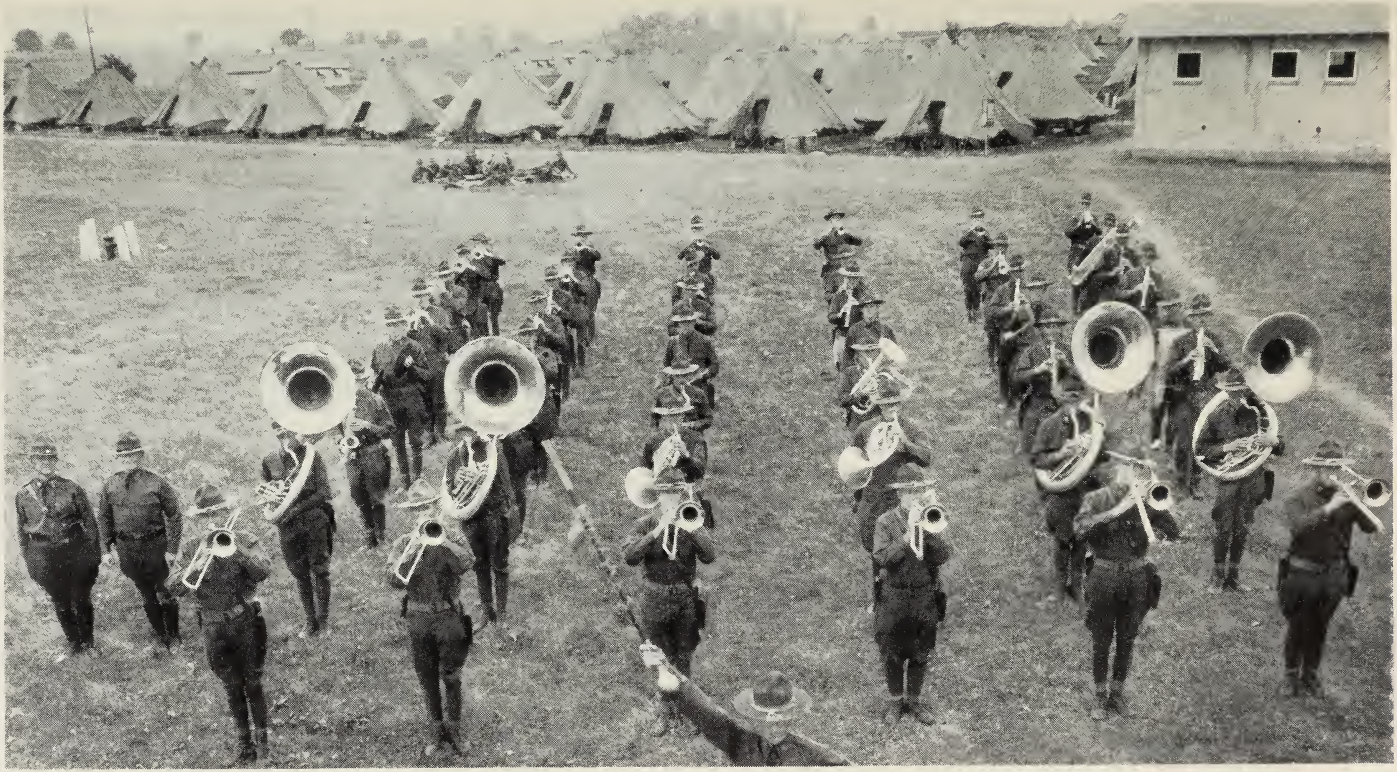
On a number of occasions the band has broadcast concerts from various radio stations and at a concert on December 11, 1924, from Station WOC, Davenport, Iowa, L. M. DeArvil conducting, over 1,800 telegrams and letters were received from every state in the Union, except four western states, and from nearly every province in Canada.

During the 40 years intervening since the organization of the band in 1897, weekly concerts have been given during the summer months from the band stand on the college campus. Except for several seasons these concerts have always been given on Saturday night and increasingly large crowds have gathered to listen to these concerts.

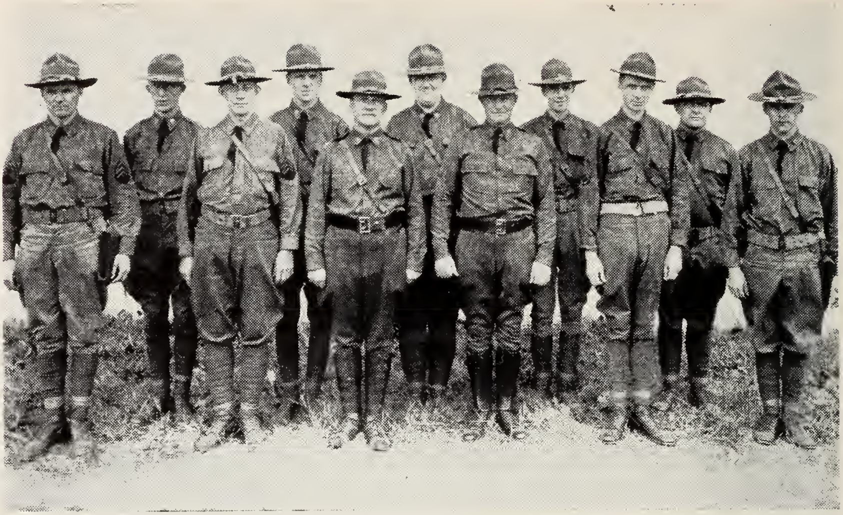
The first bandstand was erected on the corner of the campus across from the hotel. This was later moved to the center of the campus and was later torn down to be replaced by a larger stand to accommodate the increased size of the band. In 1922, the present band shell was constructed and has a capacity for a band of 60 members.



KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY BAND at Camp Grant as regimental band of the 129th Infantry, I. N. G., in 1926. Front row, left to right: Sgt. Bowen, F. V. Pearce, Forrest Kable, Russell Brown, John Jacobs, Arthur Colvin, Elmer Gumbel, Francis Asp, Albert Dorn, C. G. Gloss. Second row: Geo. Chaffee, Chas. Towns, Fred Colvin, Harold Tracy, Erwin Hough, Carroll Boston, Ralph Lizer, Harold Pearce, Marvin Royston, Robert Dean, J. F. McChesney, Allen Yoder, Otto Hudson, Harold Royston, Geo. Churchill. Third row: Donald Clark, H. J. Kable, Max Sharer, Lewis Brinker, John Towns, L. M. DeArvil (director), H. G. Kable, B. F. Myers, Elbert Davison, Frank Graf, Horace Hedgecock, W. E. Royston. Top row: H. E. Longman, Burton Avey, Ray Seibert, James Rouse, Maurice Buser, Alfred Ivins, Wentworth Sharer, Donovan Mills, C. H. Hightower, Harry Rock, Clifford Bry.



THE KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY BAND has for over ten years been the regimental band of the 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard. The above picture shows the band in marching formation at Camp Grant during the training period of 1929. This is probably the finest band that Mount Morris ever turned out, consisting of full instrumentation of 50 pieces. The officers at the left are Lieut. H. G. Kable and Warrant Officer Howard Bronson (later promoted to captain). Drum Major Wm. D. Mack stands in front.



OFFICERS OF THE 129th INFANTRY BAND, taken while the band was in training at Camp Grant in August, 1929. Left to right, Sergeant Alfred L. Ivins, Drum Major Wm. D. Mack, Sergeant F. V. Pearce, Corporal John E. Towns, Lieutenant Harry G. Kable, Corporal Harold C. Pearce, Warrant Officer Howard C. Bronson, Corporal Axel A. Johnson, Staff Sergeant Albert B. Crosswait, Corporal C. W. Sharer, Sergeant Donald C. Clark.

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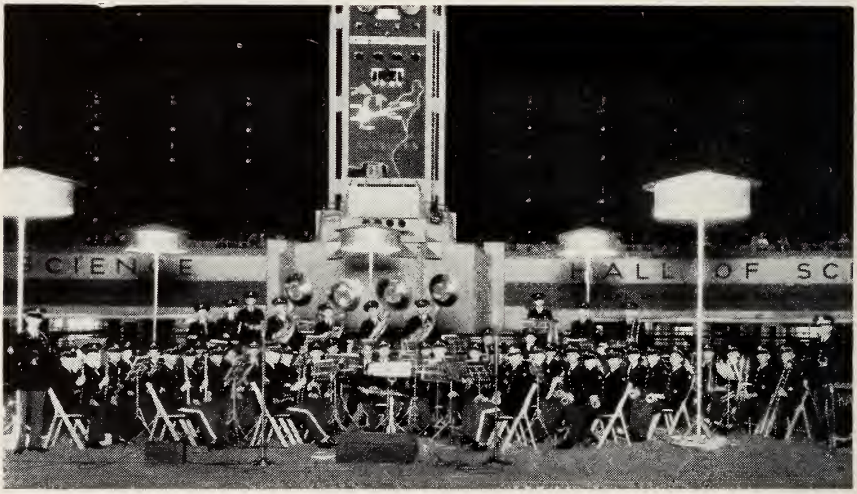


KABLE BROTHERS 129th INFANTRY BAND playing a concert before the Hall of Science, Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, Ill., August, 1933, Capt. Howard C. Bronson, conducting. A letter from Mr. N. A. Owings, chief of events division, Century of Progress, said this of the band: "Of course, you know that we have had probably the largest collection of bands ever assembled in our programs and among all these the 129th Infantry Band stands in first rank."

Chapter 17

MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS

MASONS

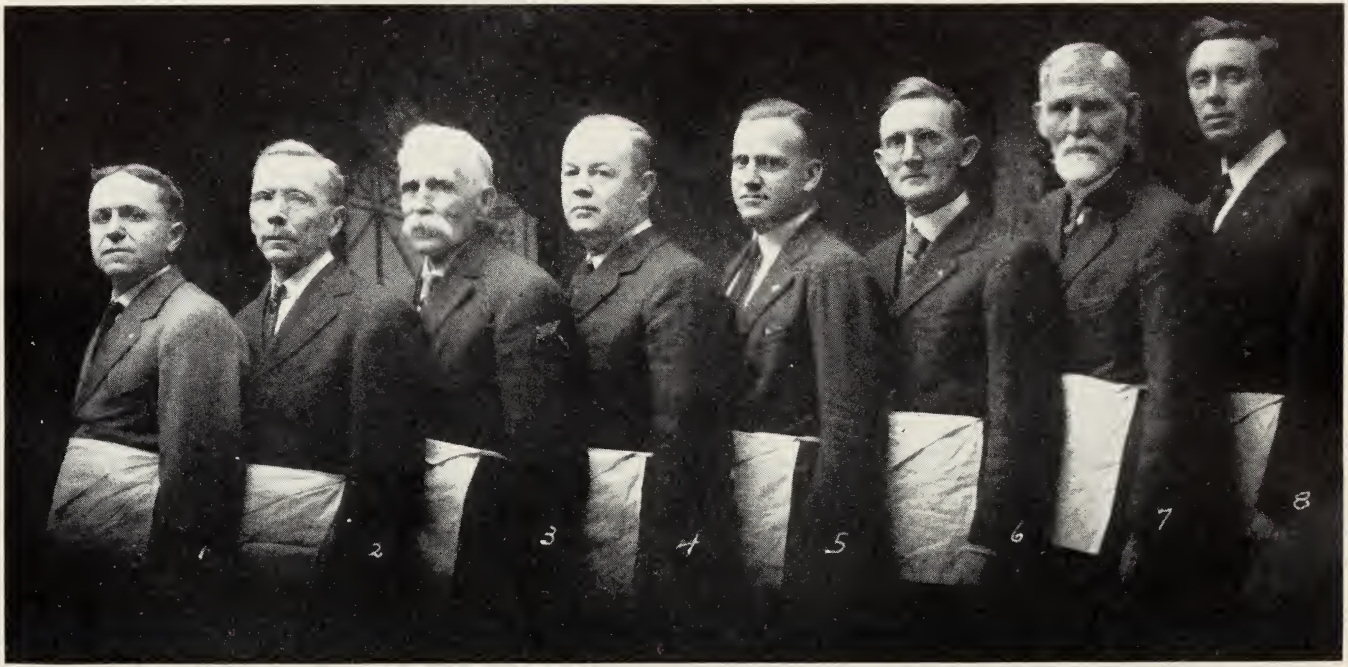
SAMUEL H. Davis Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., has a history dating back nearly 90 years. It was organized some time before 1850, the exact date of which does not appear on the records of the society. After organization it worked under a dispensation for several years until a charter was obtained and reorganization effected October 6, 1851. The first principal officers under the charter were Isaiah Wilcoxson, W. M.; James Clark, S. W.; Wm. Little, J. W. Others of the first members after the charter had been obtained were Joseph S. Nye, Thomas Winston, Joseph Hale, W. T. Harlow, Elbridge W. Little, Nathaniel A. Ankney, Wm. A. Plantz, Isaac Rice, Francis A. McNeill, Peter Knodle, Jonathan Knodle, H. I. Little, Benjamin K. Shryock, Ansel Streeter, S. H. Clems, John Donaldson, D. B. Turney, Abraham Pope, Edward Knock, James H. Fouke, Daniel Highbarger, John Stanger, Benjamin Swingley, W. S. Pope, James M. Webb. A Bible belonging to the lodge and which was presented by the ladies of Mount Morris at the time these men, who are now all dead, were members of the society, is still to be found in the lodge-room. It bears the date June 24, 1851.

James Clark, who filled the office of S. W. at the time of the charter organization in 1851, afterward enjoyed the noted distinction of being the "oldest Mason in the world." He was made a Mason at Sunbury, Ohio, in 1820, and remained in good standing in the society until the time of his death, which occurred in the nineties at his home in Quincy, Ill. He lived in Mount Morris for a number of years and took active part in all doings of the lodge. He finally moved from Mount Morris to Quincy, Ill. Several years before his death, when he became widely known as the oldest Mason in the world, the Masons of Sheffield, England, sent to Quincy to secure a portrait of him.

At the time of the organization of the Masonic fraternity in Mount Morris, they occupied what is known as the "Old Masonic Hall," where many of the old pioneer and prominent citizens of Mount Morris met regularly for many years. In the view on page 43, reproduced from a photograph taken in about 1870, can be seen the venerable old building, the upper story of which was used for the hall. It is numbered 18. It was later torn down.

November 17, 1876, the Samuel H. Davis Lodge, No. 96, of Mount Morris, and Forreston Lodge No. 413, were consolidated under the former name, with O. H. Swingley, W. M.; D. Rine, S. W.; and J. H. Nye, J. W.

The complete list of past masters of the lodge from the organization in 1850 until the present time is as follows: 1850, Isaiah Wilcoxson; 1851-1854, William Little; 1855, Mathew Blair; 1856, William Little; 1857, F. A. McNeill; 1858, J. M. Miller; 1859, F. A. McNeill; 1860-1864, H. I. Little; 1865-1866, B. K. Shryock; 1867-1871, H. I. Little; 1872-1873, John W. Hitt; 1874, N. C. Daugherty; 1875, John W. Hitt; 1876, O. H. Swingley; 1877, H. I. Little; 1878, J. H. Nye; 1879, B. K. Shryock; 1880-1883, John W. Hitt; 1884, Peter Householder; 1885, O. H. Swingley; 1886, Peter Householder; 1887-1889, A. W. Brayton; 1890-1894, T. C. Williams; 1895-1898, D. F. Stevens; 1899-1900, Gregor Thompson; 1901-1905, R. C. McCredie; 1906, U. C. Nye; 1907-1908, S. E. Avey; 1909-1910, O. E. Marshall; 1911-1912, D. F. Stevens; 1913-1915, Gregor Thompson; 1916-1917, Fred



PAST MASTERS of Samuel H. Davis Lodge No. 96, A.F. & A.M.: Left to right, Solomon E. Avey, Gregor Thompson (deceased), David Stevens, Wm. I. Prugh, Perley C. Rees, Fred Watts, Holly C. Clark (deceased), Frank Rowe.

L. Watts; 1918, H. C. Clark; 1919, W. I. Prugh; 1920, P. C. Rees; 1921-1922, Frank Rowe; 1923-1924, Otto Herzfeldt; 1925, Gregor Thompson; 1926-1927, Harold Ross; 1928-1929, Otto Hudson; 1930-1931, Ralph Crowell; 1932, Douglas Ross; 1933, Joseph Horton; 1934, Ralph Crowell; 1935-1936, Frank Rowe; 1937, Carroll Boston.

The present officers of the lodge are Maurice Buser, master; J. Harvey Wright, senior warden; Gerald Powers, junior warden; Fred Frederickson, trasurer; Otto Hudson, secretary; Carroll Boston, chaplain; Paul Yoe, senior deacon; Donald Riedl, junior deacon; William Price, senior steward; Willard Van Stone, junior steward; Roy Avey, marshal; Howard Newcomer, tyler.

EASTERN STAR

THE Mount Morris Chapter, Order Eastern Star, was instituted Feb. 19, 1924, and received its charter Oct. 16, 1924. This is an organization of both men and women and membership is limited to Masons and wives, sisters and daughters of Masons.

Following is the list of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who have served Mount Morris Chapter since it was organized in 1924.

Worthy Matrons: Edna Newcomer, 1924-1925; Jewel Cox, 1926-1927; Mabel Boydston, 1928; Agnes Price, 1929; Maud Miller, 1930-1931; Elsie Priller, 1932-1933; Olive Rohleder, 1934; Avis Blakley, 1935; Ruth Toms, 1936; Arminnie Boston, 1937; Marylena Van Stone, 1938.

Worthy Patrons: Donald Jennison, 1924-1925; Otto Herzfeldt, 1926-1927; Harold Ross, 1928-1929-1930; Lynn Elliott, 1931-1932; Solomon E. Avey, 1933-1934; Frank Rowe, 1935; J. Harvey Wright, 1936; Carroll Boston, 1937, Willard Van Stone, 1938.

Mount Morris Chapter was honored in 1937 by receiving an appointment by the Worthy Grand Matron on her official visit of Olive Rohleder to serve on the eligibility committee of the Grand Chapter, and again in 1938 by the appointment of Arminnie Boston to serve on the credential committee of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Meetings of the Chapter are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month at the Masonic Hall.

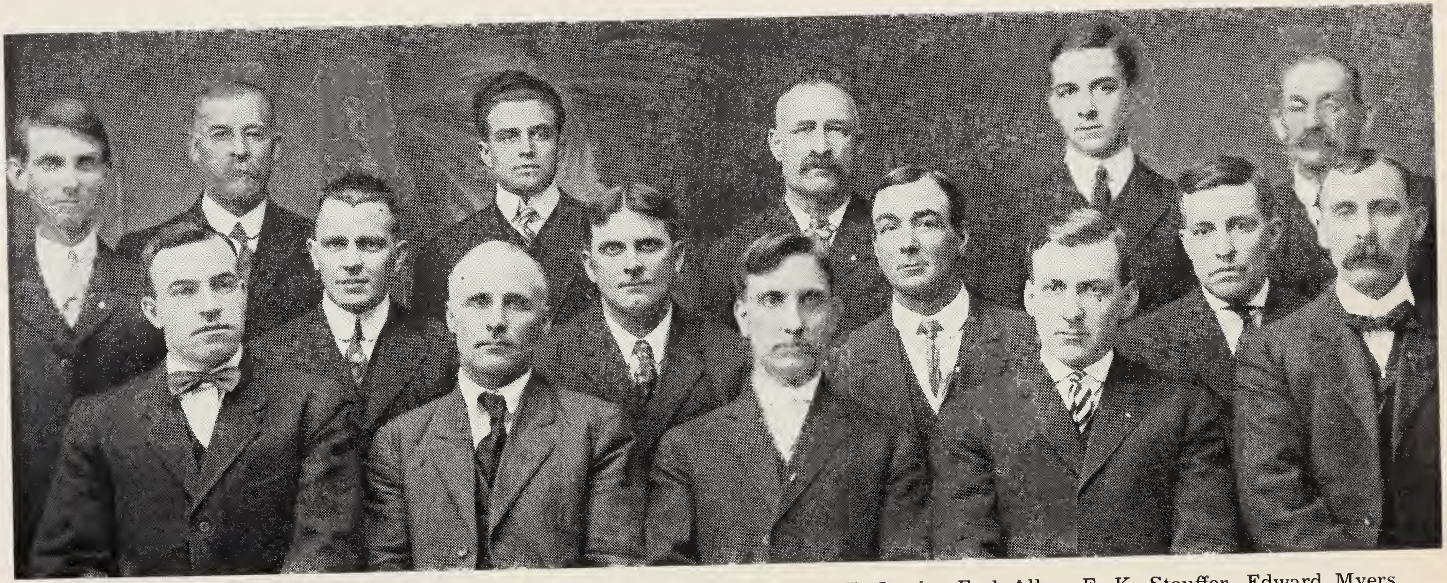
ODD FELLOWS

ELYSIAN Lodge, No. 56, I.O.O.F., of Mount Morris was organized under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, dated July 25, 1849, with the following charter members: George W. Fouke, John F. Grosh, James N. Martin, Daniel Highbarger, Walter Wilson and Emanuel W. Myers. They met in various rooms about town for a time notably in the second story of the old house which stood on the corner south of the Village Hall.

In 1850-52, many of the members of the lodge removed to California and elsewhere, weakening the society to such an extent that, in 1853, the charter was surrendered to the Grand Lodge. November 4, 1874, the lodge was re-organized, and the same charter and books were returned to it. The charter members and gentlemen who procured this re-organization were Henry Sharer, B. G. Stephens, Elijah Lott, G. W. Fouke and W. J. Fouke.

After this second organization the lodge met for a number of years in the room over C. H. Sharer's grocery, later used as the Index office. They next rented the room over John Sprecher's store in the Masonic Building, later known as Stanley Hall. Later they came into possession of a hall of their own in the second story of W. A. Newcomer's residence, which stood on the corner northeast of the Methodist Church.

More recently the lodge had commodious quarters on the second floor of the new Wishard Building, but the present meeting place is in the Olson Building in the center of the north business block. The present officers of the lodge are Raymond Cain, N.G.; O. N. Horton, V.G., Fred Crosby, secretary;



The above picture was taken in 1915, and consisted of the officers of the Mount Morris Odd Fellows Lodge who were installed April 7, 1915. Some of these men have since died and others moved away. Reading from left to right, top row, Orville Stouffer, F. Jacobs, Earl Allen, F. K. Stouffer, Edward Myers, Emanuel Holsinger; bottom row, T. W. Peacock, Walter Basye, Harry Reitzel, John Rudy, Gilbert M. Marsh, Frank Glasgow, Carl Withers, Walter McNett, Luther Lizer.

Ray J. Baker, treasurer; Ray Avey, R.S.N.G.; A. C. Lawson, R.S.V.G.; Bryant Messer, Warden; O. E. Stouffer, I.G.; Barney Manfield, O.G.; A. T. Olson, Chaplain.

The Odd Fellows meet on Wednesday night of each week. They are organized not only as a social fraternity, but have provision for financial assistance to their sick or afflicted members, to be drawn from their beneficiary fund.

REBEKAHS

SANDSTONE Rebekah Lodge, No. 538, was instituted February 14, 1889, by Deputy Grand Master Electo C. Reynolds, of Oregon, with a charter membership of twenty. This charter was signed Nov. 23, 1899. This organization is the ladies' degree of Odd Fellowship, and like it, has for its object advancement of the social and fraternal spirit of its members. Gentlemen as well as ladies are admitted. The first officers elected were Julia S. Slater, Noble Grand; Laura S. Lizer, Vice Grand; Edna Newcomer, Treasurer; Harry Knodle, Secretary.

The charter members of the lodge were Laura S. Lizer, Maude Rowe, Edna Newcomer, Alice Nail, Julia Slater, Lizzie McCready, Anna Rowe, Nora M. Knodle, Lizzie Lizer, Ella Miller, Laura J. Newcomer, Fannie Frederickson, L. E. Lizer, Harry Knodle, Edward Slater, W. H. Miller, Fred Frederickson, A. M. Newcomer, W. E. McCready, H. G. Newcomer, Samuel Rowe.

The present officers of the lodge are Marie Jacobs, N. G.; Kate Robinson, V. G.; Odelia McGee, Sec.; Ethel Tracy, Treas. The present membership is 32 and they meet on the second and fourth Fridays in Odd Fellows Hall over Harrington's barber shop.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

MOUNT MORRIS Lodge No. 1551, Loyal Order of Moose, was instituted on June 9, 1929, by District Deputy Supreme Dictator Earl C. Hasey, of Joliet, Ill. A degree team from Ottawa (Ill.) Lodge conferred the work on a class of 85 candidates. The first officers, Harold G. Miller, past dictator; Charles C. Armbruster, dictator; James Rouse, vice-dictator; Milo Zimmerman, prelate; W. H. Thomas, secretary; H. G. Kable, treasurer; Hurlock Longman, I. Wolfe and R. Kelsey, trustees, were appointed by Brother Hasey and were installed by Chas. Marsh, of Rockford Lodge No. 163.

For the first two years after the institution of Mount Morris Lodge, the membership showed a gradual increase, reaching a total of 175 members. In 1931, like every other organization, the lodge suffered a loss of more than half its membership, but the roster is showing a steady increase, there being about one hundred members at present.

The following have served as dictators: Chas. C. Armbruster, 1929-30; H. G. Hagemann, 1930-31; L. G. Schaar, 1931-32; Walter O. Klepfer, 1932-33; John Z. Hughes, 1933-34; Orville Sell, 1934-35; H. G. Hagemann, 1935-36; John Z. Hughes, 1936-37; S. M. Wakenight, 1937-38.

From the time of the institution of Mount Morris Lodge until April, 1936, W. H. Thomas was the very efficient and hard-working secretary and a great deal of credit for the success of the lodge is due him. On account of business interests, Mr. Thomas asked to be relieved of the secretaryship in April of 1936 and Walter O. Klepfer was elected to the office.

The complete roster of officers for the year 1938-39 is: Melvin Kitzmiller, dictator; S. M. Wakenight, past dictator; Edwin Ports, vice-dictator; Franklin Balluff, prelate; Walter O. Klepfer, secretary; Rolfe Martin, treasurer; Raymond Glotfelty, sergeant-at-arms; Smith Walker, inner guard; William Saunders, outer guard; John Z. Hughes, Frank Hilger and W. H. Thomas, trustees.

The Loyal Order of Moose seeks to make fraternalism of practical benefit by its educational activities. Every member can point with just pride to Mooseheart, the home and vocational school maintained by the members' contributions for the dependent children of deceased members; to Moosehaven, located at Orange Park, near Jacksonville, Florida, for aged members and their wives, and all other philanthropic and charitable activities of the Order.

The year 1938 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of Mooseheart, located on the Lincoln Highway between Aurora and Batavia, Ill., and the fiftieth anniversary of the reorganization of the Order.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

MOUNT MORRIS Camp, M. W. A., No. 4526, was organized February 9, 1897, by Deputy Head Counsellor O. B. Olison, with a charter membership of twenty. The first officers elected were as follows: J. H. Miller, Venerable Counsel, Oscar Warble, Worthy Advisor; A. E. Clevidence, Banker; F. K. Spalding, Clerk; E. E. Winders, Escort; E. J. Allen, Watchman; Samuel Rowe, Sentry; Dr. Hanes, Physician. The first board of managers elected were C. E. Price, 3 years; R. C. McCredie, 2 years, and A. W. Brayton, 1 year.

The first member received into the camp was H. G. Newcomer, who was initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft May 21, 1897.

The camp had its most prosperous time during the spring of 1899, when the membership was raised to over one hundred, a surprisingly large number for one camp in a town of the population of Mount Morris.

The present officers of the Camp are F. M. Baker, Counsel; Dallas Baker, Clerk; Harry Longman, Fred Long and John D. Miller, executive board. The present membership is 26.

AMERICAN LEGION

MOUNT Morris American Legion Post No. 143 received its charter Sept. 15, 1919, with the following principal officers: Frank Hilger, commander; Harold Knodle, adjutant; Harold Ross, finance officer.

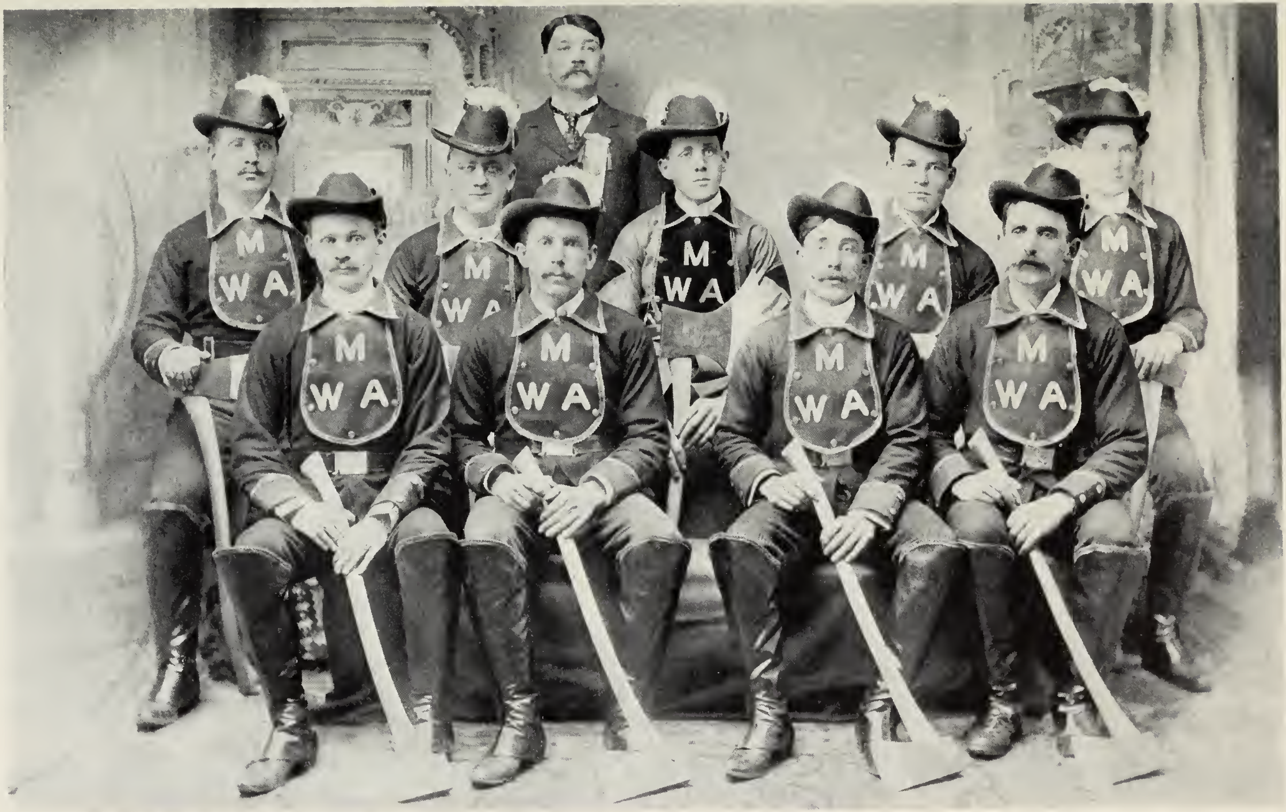
The Post has been a very live organization from the beginning and has sponsored a fine program of activities for the good of the community and for the assistance of sick or disabled members. Membership in the Legion is limited to men who were in the U. S. Army or Navy during the World War.

The officers of the Post for 1938 are as follows: Dwight S. Sharer, commander; Harry A. Schmucker, 1st vice-commander; William B. Stiger, 2nd vice-commander; Frank Hilger, adjutant; Frank Nachtman, finance officer; Ross Silvius, chaplain; Joseph Franklin, sergeant-at-arms; Hubert Knodle, Paul Barnhizer and Tom Wilson, members of the executive committee. The average membership for the last three years has been 106.

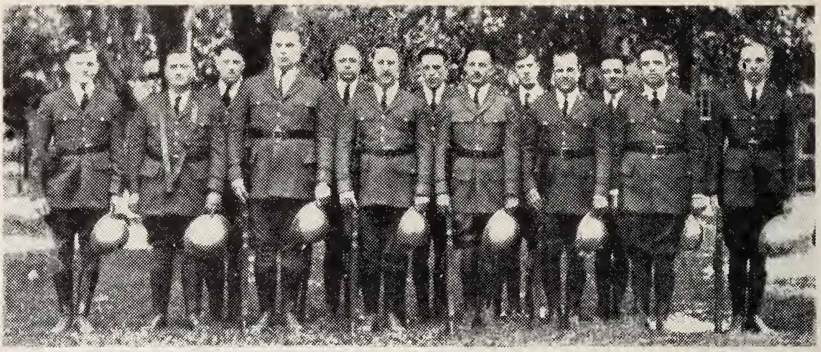
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OGLE COUNTY POST No. 3639, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was organized in Mount Morris, June 26, 1937, and the following officers were installed: Leon Beard, Commander; James White, Senior Vice-Commander; Raymond Cain, Junior Vice-Commander; Raymond Moore, Chaplain; Henry Dohlen, Quartermaster; Robert Harvey, Adjutant; Lynn Elliott, Officer of the Day; Jay Cratty, Post Service Officer; Alvis Lawson, Guard; Fay Stillman, Color Bearer; Herman Rauch, Color Bearer; Royal Holden, Ralph Mahoy and Kenrick R. Leekley, Trustees.

Membership is confined to soldiers and sailors who have served in the United States Army or Navy on foreign soil or in hostile waters. Although the Ogle County Post is a new organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been organized for a number of years and have Posts in every state, also in Europe and Cuba. The organization maintains a home for the widows and orphans of deceased or disabled veterans, lo-



MODERN WOODMEN FORESTER TEAM, photo taken in 1900. Front row, left to right, Fred Frederickson, Wm. Mongan, Harry Castle, James Watts; second row, Fred Crosby, Samuel Rowe, Hurley Longman, Chas. McNett, Dennis Tracy; standing, Wm. Keedy.



COLOR GUARD AND FIRING SQUAD of Mount Morris Post No. 146, American Legion. Left to right, Lieut. Harold Knodle, Leon Beard, Jay Cratty, Boyd Grush, Lieut. Henry Dohlen, Ralph Mahoy, Ralph Crowell, Syril Avey, Harvey Miller, Glenn Unger, Frank Hilger, Alfred Davis, Chas. Edson. Picture was taken in 1930.

cated near Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The membership at the time of organization of the Ogle County Post was 22 which has since been increased to 34. The Post meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall in the Ritson Bldg.

The present officers of the Post are as follows: Royal Holden, Commander; Leon Beard, Senior Vice-Commander; William M. Watson, Junior Vice-Commander; Raymond Cain, Chaplain; Howard Eychaner, Quartermaster; Lynn M. Elliott, Adjutant; Leon Medlar, Officer of the Day; Alvis Lawson, Post Service Officer; Daniel Rodemund, Guard; Anton Jansen, Color Bearer; Jay Cratty, Color Bearer; James White, Ralph Mahoy, Royal Holden, Trustees.

KIWANIS CLUB

THE Mount Morris Kiwanis Club was organized in February, 1926, with the following officers and directors: H. J. Kable, president; Levi S. Shively, vice-president; Robert L. Cratty, secretary; Fred Frederickson, treasurer; Joseph L. Rice, district trustee; Robert W. Hough, Ira R. Hendrickson, Fred J. Dean, Hugh Allen, Dan Starkey, Howard Newcomer, H. E. Coffman, directors.

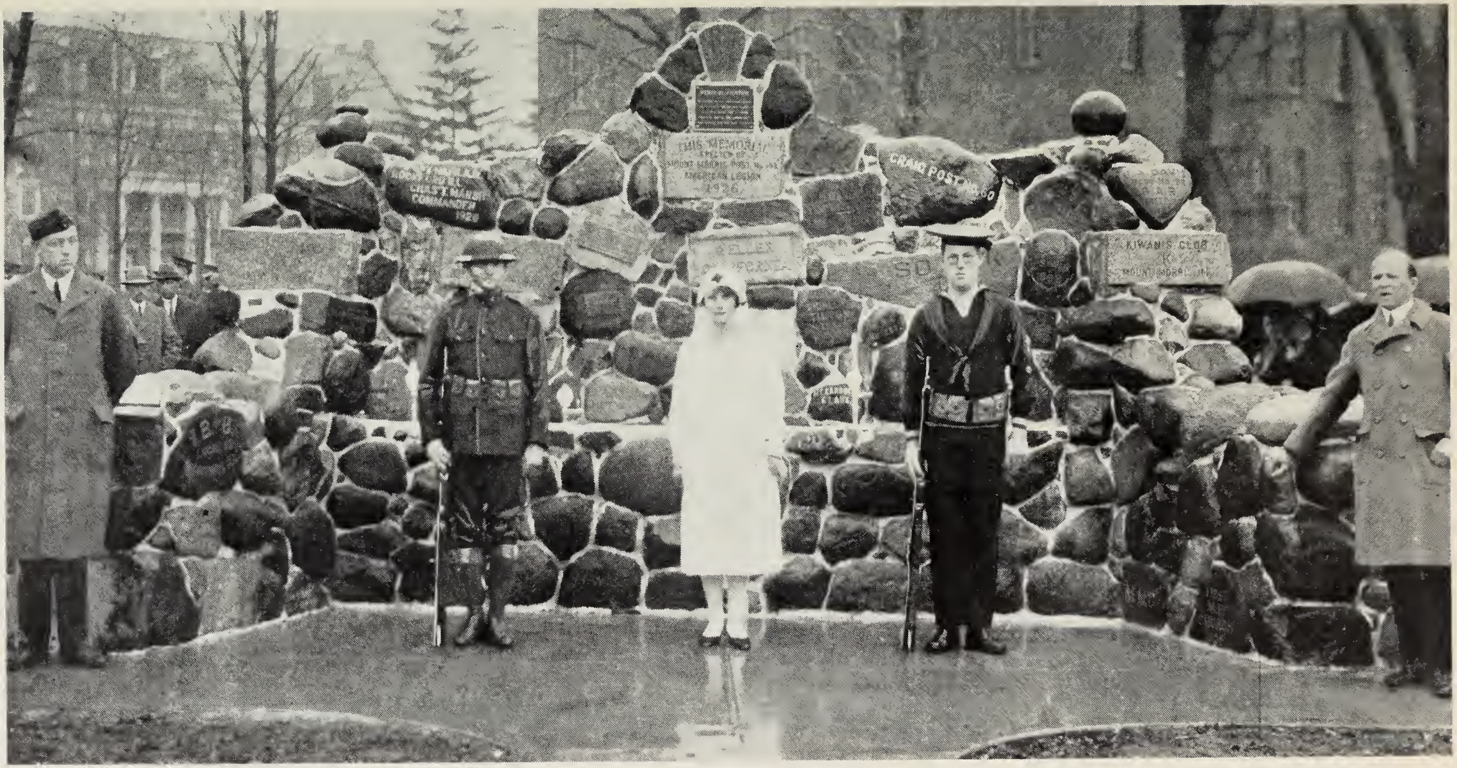
This club was a continuation of a local business men's organization known as the Ben Ezra Club which was organized in January, 1921, with the following officers: J. L. Rice, president; A. E. Clevidence, vice-president; S. E. Avey, secretary; F. J. Dean, treasurer. This club was quite successful but was changed over into a Kiwanis Club because of the advantages of being part of a national organization.

During the twelve years since organization the club has materially assisted in many civic enterprises and has been alert at all times in furthering plans for the advancement of the community. Meetings are held one evening of each week including a luncheon and interesting program presented. Past presidents of the club have been Ira R. Hendrickson, O. A. Hanke, Harold Patterson, Milo Zimmerman, Worthington Thomas and Dwight F. Sharer.

P. E. O. SISTERHOOD

THE P. E. O. Sisterhood was founded at Iowa Wesleyan College in 1869 as a sorority, but soon grew away from colleges, and is now an independent organization with 2,000 chapters all through the United States, Hawaii, and Canada. It is the only organization of its kind which is not affiliated with a men's organization.

At first it was a literary society, but



AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN, located on northeast corner of campus, which was dedicated Nov. 14, 1926. This memorial is unique because of the fact that the stones with which it was built were sent here by organizations and persons from all over the United States. The names of many of the donors are engraved on the stones. This memorial was erected under the leadership of A. S. Barre, Commander of Legion Post No. 143, in 1926. The above picture was taken at the time of the dedication and the figures in the center are Harold Knodle, representing the army; Mrs. Madge Clark, representing the Red Cross; Bert Tilden, representing the navy. American Legion Commander Dohlen stands at the left and Prof. Ira R. Hendrickson at the right.

in 1907 an Educational Fund was established for the purpose of aiding worthy girls to obtain college education. Over 6,000 girls, including two local girls, have secured loans from this fund, which has grown to over $750,000. Every member of P. E. O. is expected to contribute to this fund annually, and to the second major activity of the Sisterhood —Cottey College at Nevada, Mo., which has been owned by P. E. O. since 1927 and is a Junior College for Women.

Chapter CU of P. E. O. was organized at Mount Morris on Nov. 16, 1929, with Mary Wishard as the first president. The charter members were: Frances G. Prendergast, Dorothy Davis Ross, Polly B. Newton, Pauline B. Yoe, Frances T. Bronson, Margaret Crawford, Ada Mitchell, Lorraine Thomas, who was the second president, Ealy F. Grobe (Morris), the third president, Mary Wishard, Edith E. Kable, Ruth Coffman, the fifth president, Laura Lewis Cratty, and Berniece B. Leonard.

At present the members are, in addition to the above: Frances Kent, Anna L. Long, Lola Lizer, Amy McNett, the fourth president, Dolorus Huffman, Ethyle McNett, Mary Prugh, Helen Stengel, Madge Clark, Margaret Mitchell, Edna Coulson, and Ruth T. Felker.

The officers for 1938-1939 are: President, Berniece Leonard; Vice-President, Pauline Yoe; Rec. Secretary, Margaret Mitchell; Cor. Secretary, Mary Prugh, Treasurer, Frances Bronson; Chaplain, Edna Coulson; Guard, Frances Kent.

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE

THE Mount Morris Business Men's League was organized November 24, 1931, with the following officers: Paul Kent, president; L. G. Finch, vice-president; Charles Edson, secretary; Henry Dohlen, treasurer. Since that time the presiding officers have been as follows: 1932-33, D. L. Toms; 1933-34, Maurice Buser; 1934-36, Worthington Thomas; 1936-37, H. Schmucker; 1937-38, Carroll Boston. The present officers are Carroll Boston, president; Herman Hagemann, vice-president; John Dohlen, secretary; Maurice Buser, treasurer.

The League now has in the neighborhood of 40 members and meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is a live organization of Mount Morris merchants and business men and it has been an important factor in promoting the welfare of the village.

WOMAN'S CLUB

THE Mount Morris Woman's Club was organized Oct. 14, 1920, and affiliated with the State Federation Jan. 5, 1921. The charter members of the club were as follows:

Grace Brayton
Anna Braiden
Olive Ballard
Jessie Dean
Minnie Davison
Elizabeth Emmert
Addie Hendrickson
Margaret Jern
June Kelsey
Elizabeth Krafka
Rosina Kabele
Pearl Kable
Mabel Miller
Winifred Nicholas
Agnes Price
Etta Rittenhouse
Emma Shively
Fannie Stine
Olive Thayer
Amy White
Gertrude Walkup
Elizabeth Wishard
Ida West

The club has been very active in local affairs and regular meetings have been held on the first Monday evening of each month, at which time educational and musical programs are carried out.

The Past Presidents of the club since organization have been as follows: Mrs. John White, 1920-1921; Mrs. H. J. Kable, 1922; Mrs. M. W. Emmert, 1923; Mrs. H. J. Kable, 1924; Mrs. Roscoe Braiden, 1925; Mrs. Ira R. Hendrickson, 1926; Mrs. Hugh Allen, 1927-1928; Mrs. Harvey Long, 1929-1930; Mrs. George Warwick, 1931-1932; Mrs. John Blakley, 1933; Mrs. Chas. Cox, 1934; Mrs. Olive Rohleder, 1935; Mrs. Pearl Kable, 1936; Mrs. Donovan Mills, 1937; Mary Marlowe McColl, 1938.

The Officers for 1938 are as follows: Miss Mary Marlowe McColl, president; Mrs. Nelson Rittenhouse, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Paul Boyle, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. T. J. Wilson, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Olive Rohleder, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Price, parliamentarian; Mrs. James Watt, Miss Jane Wingard, Mrs. Donovan Mills, directors.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THE first Boy Scout troop in Mount Morris was started in 1918 with the late Harvey Kable as scoutmaster and Milo Zimmerman as assistant scoutmaster. This troop was quite successful and rendered valiant service to Mount Morris boyhood for several years. A number of prominent citizens of our town were members of this troop.

In 1924, the local troop joined the Blackhawk Area which was located in Dixon. Dr. C. J. Price was the leader of this troop which in 1926 became a part of the Rockford Council and continued the name of Blackhawk in the enlarged scout area.

Troop 66 was sponsored by the American Legion at that time, George Priller being scoutmaster and Dr. Price continued as commissioner for Mount Morris. O. T. McCoy also served as scoutmaster and commissioner of this troop.

Troop 78 was sponsored in 1928 by the Lutheran Church with Charles Edson as scoutmaster. Succeeding scoutmasters were John Thompson, Gerald Powers and J. Harvey Wright. This troop won many competitions and rendered fine service to the boyhood of the church, consolidating with Troop 66 in 1933.

Troop 77 was organized in 1927 by the Christian Church with George Priller as scoutmaster. This troop excelled in scouting events, equaling the Boy Scout record of the entire United States in wall-scaling at a meet in Dixon. Harold Patterson was later scoutmaster, carrying on the fine traditions of the troop until 1930 when the group united with Troop 66.

The Methodist Church sponsored Troop 66 in 1930 with D. Cameron Findlay as scoutmaster. With the aid of the transferred scouts from troop 77, a large troop of four full patrols, capable junior and senior officers was the result. This troop was considered one of the best in the entire area and consistently won the county championships and exemplified the Scout oath and laws.

In 1932, the Kiwanis Club built a log cabin on Sunset Lane for a permanent home for the Boy and Girl Scouts. Sol Avey gave important direction to the undertaking, giving the first gift to the fund in memory of his son, Maurice,

GROUP OF BOY SCOUTS who won majority of prizes in contest at Rockford in February, 1928. Front row, left to right, Ray Johnson, Wm. Price, Robert Gloss, Glenn Kretsinger; standing, Russel Colburn, Harry Meader, Harry Conrad, Roy Allen, Everett Dean. Most of these boys later became leaders in Boy Scout work in Mount Morris.

who was a Scout. Robert Buser and O. A. Hanke also aided the project considerably.

In 1933, Troop 78 united with Troop 66 as a town unit being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club with D. Cameron Findlay continuing as scoutmaster and Lynn Elliott as chairman of the troop committee. The troop now had its own home and the Scouts went on to greater achievements.

In 1935, Mr. Findlay resigned to become county commissioner and Russell Colburn was appointed scoutmaster. Mr. Elliott also became a commissioner and Dr. M. S. DuMont became committee chairman.

The present scoutmaster, Harry Conrad, has had charge of the troop for several years with Harold Ivins as assistant. A fine group of Scouts are carrying on the traditions of the troop, meeting regularly each Wednesday evening at the Kiwanis cabin. The present troop committee is composed of Dale Lizer, H. A. Patterson, Leslie Watt, Sol Avey, Harold Knodle and Rev. Manny.

The list of Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouting are Wm. Price, Lyle Meeker, Russell Colburn, D. Cameron Findlay, Ward Zimmerman, Wm. Webster, Sherwood Baker, Glenn Kretsinger, John Yoe and Bryant Zimmerman.

Leslie Watt and Robert Kable attended the World Jamboree at Birkenhead, England, in 1929. Ward Zimmerman represented our town at the Jamboree in Godollo, Hungary, in 1933, and Bryant Zimmerman and D. Cameron Findlay participated in the last World Scout gathering in 1937 at Vogelenzang, Holland. John Yoe and William Chaffee in addition to Zimmerman and Findlay also attended the First National Scout Jamboree in Washington in July, 1937.

The Cub program for boys of 9 to 12 years of age is capably handled in our town by Willard Powers as Cubmaster and Richard Dierdorff as assistant. The Cubs work under the direction of older Scouts as den chiefs and are interested in handicraft and elementary scouting.

O. A. Hanke is the chairman of the Ogle County district and in a large measure is responsible for the success of Mount Morris Scouting. His aid and advice has been invaluable and he is deeply interested in the progress of scouting.

Rev. W. L. Manny is chairman of the Scout advancement in Mount Morris and arranges Boards of Review and Courts of Honor events whereby the Scouts increase in wisdom.

D. Cameron Findlay is the county commissioner and has had years of Scouting experience in Mount Morris and elsewhere. Mr. Findlay holds the three highest awards in scouting, the Silver Beaver, the Scoutmaster's Key and the Eagle Scout Badge. Wm. Asp is Assistant County Commissioner.

GIRL SCOUTS

GIRL Scouting was introduced in Mount Morris at the instigation of Mrs. Luce Meeker and Mr. J. W. Robbins, who had been interested in the program of Boy Scouts. During Mr. Robbins' term as president of the Mount Morris Parent-Teachers' Association, he made inquiry as to the possibility of establishing a Girl Scout troop in the community. His own daughter was interested in joining such a group if it included older girls.

The troop was officially chartered January 7, 1932, at a regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association. The program of Girl Scouting was discussed with the parents and members by Miss Vivian Carter, director of the Rockford Council of Girl Scouts. Thirty-two Tenderfoot pins were presented to these girls, who were the charter members of Girl Scouting in Mount Morris:

Lois Billsborough
Harriet Miller
Ione Gruber
Doris Marsh
Louise McChesney
Leona Ogden
Dorothy Churchill
Betty Phelps
Clesta May McCoy
Esther Kretsinger
Maxine Engstrom
Leone Nalley
Doris Zimmerman
Dorothea Wright
Helen Holsinger
Jane Devine
Nellie Shoemaker
Marjorie Ford
Ruth Meeker
Helen Wallace
Dorothy Summers
Helen Barnhizer
Bernice Chambers
Carmen Baker
Dorothy Silvius
Louise Curley
Francine Hilger
Harriet Thompson
Martha Wright
Mary Alice Olsen
Margaret Allen
Genevieve Miller

The activities of the Girl Scouts have

been directed by a troop committee, which was originally appointed by the sponsor. Much credit is due the early small committee for its untiring efforts. During their service, training courses were held in Mount Morris, in Byron, and Oregon for the three towns, jointly sponsored by the troop committees of the three towns. The Girl Scouts were included in the Community Chest appropriation in Mount Morris, and a cabin was built by the Kiwanis Club and dedicated to the Boy and Girl Scouts. This committee took a keen interest in some of the special projects directed by the Rockford Council. It stimulated an interest in camping, and urged girls to attend the regular session of camping of the council at Camp Rotary. In 1932, it became interested in the Washington trip directed by the local council, and four Mount Morris girls shared in this experience. In 1933, the committee was interested in the three-day Girl Scout trip to the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Six Mount Morris Girl Scouts joined the party of 100 girls.

In 1935, a larger committee was formed, representing all of the various interests in Mount Morris—civic, religious and educational. Under this committee's direction, a second troop was chartered, recognizing officially a division which had actually existed in the direction of the program for two years previous consisting of a troop for grade school girls and a Girl Scout troop for high school girls.

Miss Grace Ritson had been the leader of the troop since its institution. She had been assisted by Miss Phyllis Robbins and by Mrs. Meeker. In 1937, Mrs. Wendell Schrader, assisted by Mrs. O. Auman, became the leaders of the high school troop, which kept the old number, and Miss Virgil Turner and Mrs. Mamie Knodle became the leaders of the grade school troop.

In the fall of 1937, the third unit of Girl Scouting was established. The Mount Morris Woman's Club was interested in the Brownie program, and through their appointment of a Brownie committee, this program was offered to the 7 to 10-year-old girls. So great was the response, that it was necessary to form a second pack. Two Brownie packs, 17 and 18, are now formed under the leadership of Miss Ruth Barrie, Miss Jane Locke, Mrs. Ross E. Stouffer, Mrs. Gladys Riedl, and Miss Alice Lambert.

The present organization of Girl Scouting in Mount Morris includes a registered troop committee of nine members, of which Mrs. Harry Schmucker is chairman, Girl Scout Troop 34, Girl Scout Troop 44, and Brownie Packs, 17 and 18, the leaders of which are mentioned above. The Brownie committee members are: Mrs. Wendell Schrader (chairman), Mrs. H. G. Kable and Mrs. C. J. Price.

At the close of the 1938 season the Girl Scout and Brownie units have exactly one hundred girls enrolled and registered at National Headquarters.

MOUNT MORRIS TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, NO. 681

MOUNT MORRIS Typographical Union, No. 681, was organized Feb. 6, 1911, with 12 employees of Kable Brothers composing room as charter members. Its aims are to increase the skill in workmanship of its members, and to maintain a reasonable and equitable scale of wages for composing room work.

The organization now has an active membership of 112. Of the original 12 charter members only four now belong to the organization. They are Jess Allen, U. B. Pittenger, W. I. Prugh, and Clyde Walkup. Only one (U. B. Pittenger) can claim continuous active membership since 1911, the other three having been separated from the local union at some time or other.

Present officers include R. W. Abbott, president; A. L. Ivins, vice president; J. Harvey Wright, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Krieg, recording secretary; and W. W. Mackay, sergeant-at-arms.

ELECTROTYPERS UNION

THE Mount Morris Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union was formed in 1917. The members held their cards with the Chicago local for a while, and later with the local in Rockford.

In 1925, the local charter No. 141 was granted, with a charter membership of nine members. Five of those members —Otto Hudson, Frank Aufderbeck, George Crocker, Lloyd Unger and George Priller—are still members of the local union.

The Local now has an active membership of 25. The present officers are: President, Henry Frank; Vice-President, Lawrence Geroux; Secretary-Treasurer, Otto Hudson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ralph Trout; Executive Board, E. R. Hollinger, Fred Park and Burton Avey.

PRINTING PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS UNION

THE Mount Morris Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union No. 124 was chartered December 16, 1912, having as members twelve employees of Kable Brothers Company pressroom. The objects of the organization are to sustain the highest quality workmanship, to promote the welfare of pressroom workers and to maintain an harmonious relationship between employer and employee.

The present membership is 150, which includes pressmen, assistants and folding machine operators. Of the charter members, four are still active in the organization, and all have held continuous membership from its inception. They are O. R. Herzfeldt, H. H. Sprecher, H. C. Sprecher and Carl Withers.

The present officers are Ralph Mahoy, President; J. S. Logan, Vice-President; Ben McHenry, Secretary-Treasurer, and Louis McFerran, Recording Secretary.

JOGGERS AND PAPER HANDLERS UNION

THE Mount Morris Joggers and Paper Handlers Union, No. 372, was organized in June, 1935, with forty-five employees of Kable Brothers Company as charter members.

The object of the organization is to maintain better understanding between employees and employer. The betterment of working conditions as well as a uniform wage scale for the different branches of work which it encompasses have made its members work together more harmoniously.

The present officers include: Alvin Brinker, President; Preston Rowland, Vice-president; Joe Newcomer, Secretary-Treasurer; Wm. Saunders, Sergeant-at-Arms.

BOOKBINDERS UNION

ON APRIL 11, 1923, the Mount Morris Bookbinders Union No. 65 was organized and consisted of 41 employees of Kable Brothers Company—both men and women—of the bindery department. The objects of this union are to preserve the rights of the members, maintain a fair remuneration for labor, and to better the skill and condition of the bookbinding trade.

The bindery department was later divided, making a bindery and a mailing department, both of which come under the jurisdiction of Bookbinders Union No. 65.

The membership of this union has steadily increased until now there are 182 active members. Twenty-two of these are original charter members. The present officers are Ray J. Avey, President; Homer Davis, Secretary-Treasurer.

Chapter 18

MEN AND WOMEN OF YESTERDAY

IN this chapter are segregated short sketches of prominent men and women who have lived their lives in our community and have passed on to the Great Beyond, leaving behind them the results of their labors in the old home town which they loved. Many of these men and women were old settlers in the township or village, and endured the hardships of a new community long before any of the present modern conveniences were available or even existed.

Because of a lack of information, the names of many former residents had to be omitted, but this list includes most of those who attained some degree of prominence in the affairs of the community during the hundred years since the village was founded.

ROBERT Q. ALLEN, son of A. Quinby and Elizabeth (Swingley) Allen, was born on the Allen homestead south of Mount Morris. He attended Rock River Seminary and later studied law and was admitted to the bar. He established an office in Mount Morris and besides his law practice he dealt in real estate and loans. His principal occupation, however, was that of auctioneer. His wife, Mary B. Allen, died Oct. 13, 1875, at the age of 23 years and he never remarried.

ALBERT M. BAKER, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, Dec. 7, 1847, and died in Mount Morris, March 7, 1928, aged 81 years. He engaged in farming south of town for many years and then spent his remaining years in Mount Morris. His brothers, Amos and Edward, preceded him in death several years. On Feb. 14, 1869, he married Nellie Whitman and they had one son, Fred, who was accidentally killed in 1898, and a daughter, Lillie, who died on Feb. 27, 1931. Mrs. Baker passed away on Nov. 18, 1930.

AMOS N. BAKER, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 8, 1853, and died at his home in Mount Morris, Oct. 24, 1924, aged 71 years. He operated his farm for many years and moved to Mount Morris a few years preceding his death. In 1886, he married Ellen J. McCoy, and they had two children: Charles W. (married Helene Mae Swift), and Elizabeth. Mrs. Baker died July 7, 1935.

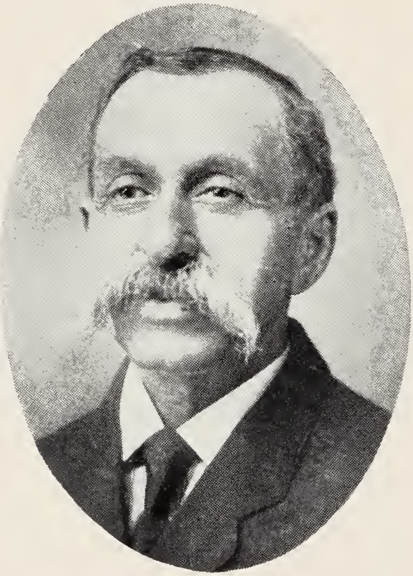
OTHO W. BAKER was born at Bakersville, Md., Oct. 26, 1850, and died March 30, 1928, aged 77 years. In 1878, he married Mary E. Wilson and moved to Mount Morris, where he resided the remainder of his life, engaged principally in truck farming. Eight children were born to them, four of whom died young. Those surviving were Harry W., Isaac, Charles O., and William F. Mrs. Baker died in February, 1933.

SAMUEL H. BAKER was born Jan. 24, 1841, at Bakersville, Md., and died in Mount Morris June 26, 1892. He married Sarah Jane Moninger of Fairplay, Md., in 1869, and they had a large family of nine children. The family moved west at an early date, and the children grew up in Mount Morris. Their names are as follows: Minnie Nora (deceased), married Fred Funnell; Frank M., married Grace Watts; Elmer, who married Ida Wallace (died in 1910) and Ida Snader; Susan L., who married Frank Tice; Otho, who married Lilly Nelson; Harry K., married Hilda Johnston; Adella May, married Frank Sells; Urilla, married Curtis Lazier; Jennie E., married Theo. Ullmark, and Mary Ellen (deceased), married Frank Shugart. The mother died Sept. 20, 1910.

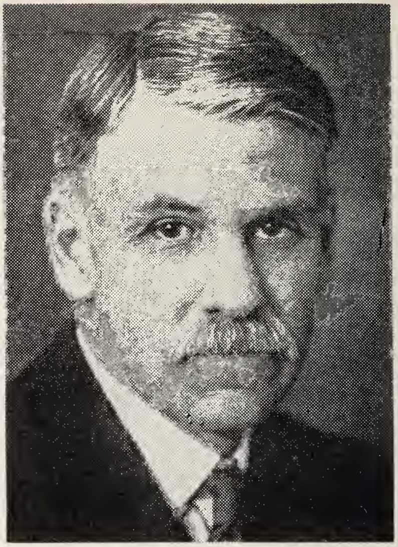
WILLIAM S. BLAKE, son of Rev. Burdine and Mary (Simpkins) Blake, was born April 25, 1821, at Martinsburg, Pa., and came to Ogle County in 1869. In 1843, he married Catherine Gerhart, and they had seven children: Albert M., Clara E., Wilbur, Mrs. Geo. S. Kennedy, Millard F., William G., and Franklin G. His occupation was that of farmer and the Blake homestead was located a half mile west of Mount Morris. He passed away June 8, 1899, aged 78 years.

DAVID M. BOCK was born at Mercersburg, Pa., Dec. 28, 1858, and died at Mount Morris, July 17, 1925, aged 66½ years. He came to Mount Morris when 21 years of age, and for many years was a successful farmer north of town. He was married to Viola Marshall in 1888 and they had four children: Reuben D., Matilda, Guy E., and Harry C.

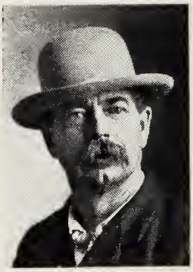
JAMES W. CARR died Jan. 10, 1918, aged over 72 years. He was born in Fulton County, Pa., Sept. 4, 1845, where he grew to manhood and was married to Elizabeth Rowe in 1868. The following spring they came to Ogle County, near Mount Morris, where he engaged in farming for a number of years and then moved to town. Four children were born to them: Charles, Harvey, and two daughters who died young. The mother died in 1878, and in 1879 he married Catherine Angle, who died in 1898. They had six children: Mrs. Mina Huffman, Mrs. Vernie Knodle, and four sons, who died in infancy. He was married a third time in 1903 to Mrs. Clara Baldwin.



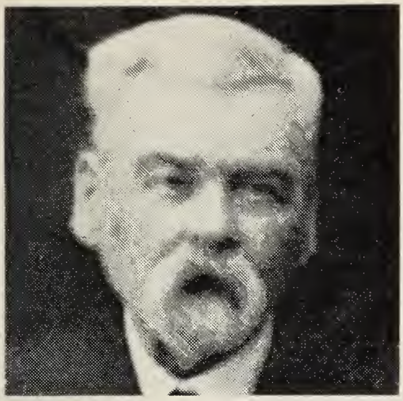
CHAS. H. ALLEN, son of Isaac and Eveline Allen, was born at Keedysville, Md., August 1, 1846, and died Dec. 9, 1925, aged 79 years. He came to Mount Morris when a boy and lived in this community for over 70 years. He taught country schools during most of that period and hundreds of pupils came under his instruction. For more than thirty years he was assessor of Mount Morris Township and thus became well acquainted with the property owners of the township. In 1878, he married Ella Wolfe and seven children were born to them: Mrs. Ada Kohl, who died in 1907; Raymond H., of Crawfordsville, Ind.; Jesse, of Mount Morris; Florence Watt, deceased; Edward, who died in 1918; Earl, who lives near Oregon; and one child who died in infancy.



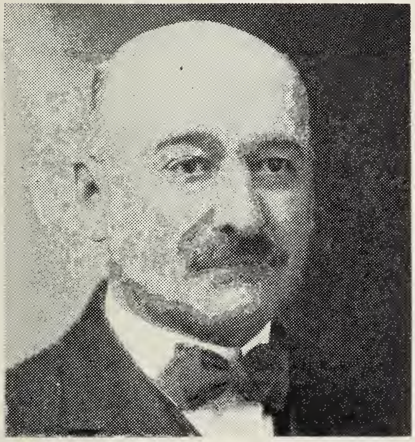
EDWARD C. BUTERBAUGH was born near Leaf River July 8, 1863, and died June 30, 1928, aged nearly 65 years. The greater part of his life was spent on his farm 2½ miles north of Mount Morris. He moved to town about 20 years prior to his death. In 1882, he was married to Mary E. Bopp, and four children were born to them, of whom two remain, Mrs. Ralph Thomas and Pearl. The mother died in 1921.



EDWIN J. ALLEN, died Feb. 15, 1920, aged 67 years. He was the son of A. Quinby and Elizabeth (Swingley) Allen and was born Oct. 22, 1852, on what is known as the McClure farm, one mile south of Mount Morris. In November, 1895, he was married to Louise Seise, and three sons were born to them: Edwin, who died in infancy, Ralph who died at age 14, and Harry who is now a Lutheran minister. Mr. Allen had a rare gift of wit, and he was a successful auctioneer, conducting public sales in and around Mount Morris for many years.



EDWARD F. BAKER, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, March 5, 1849, and died July 30, 1920, aged 71 years. He attended the Pine Creek school, Cornell College and Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming in Pine Creek Township until 1913, when he moved into Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Ida B. Hammer, and six children were born to them: Mattie M. (Mrs. Calvin Fulton), Ira J. (died in infancy), Harry A., Bert A., and Ray J. and Roy J., twins.

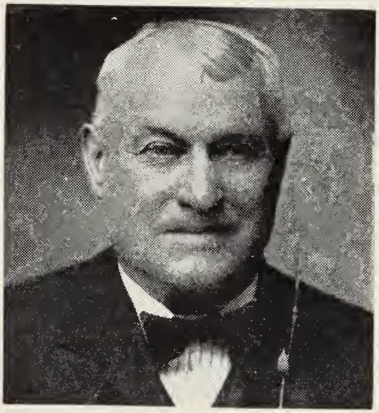


OLIVER W. COFFMAN, son of Harrison and Lydia (Wagner) Coffman, was born in Lincoln Township, Dec. 30, 1865, and died March 26, 1926, aged 60 years. He lived in or near Mount Morris his entire life and engaged in the live stock business. In 1891, he married Martha Newcomer, and a daughter, Mrs. Perley J. Brenner, was born to them. Mrs. Coffman passed away in 1893. He was again married in 1916 to Miss Mae Ankney, who survives him.

DANIEL BLECKER, son of Jacob and Barbara Blecker, was born at Boonsboro, Md., April 16, 1843, and died in Mount Morris in September, 1937, aged 94 years. At the time of his death, he was the oldest person in Mount Morris. In 1867, he married Catherine Antsbarger. There were two children, Alva and a daughter who died in infancy. Mrs. Blecker died and in 1875 Mr. Blecker came to Ogle County and settled on a farm near Mount Morris. He married again, in 1879, to Elizabeth Ann Miller, to whom were born three children: Harry, Mrs. Olin Young and Mrs. Arthur Stouffer.

A. E. CANODE died Jan. 18, 1907, aged nearly 75 years. He was born near Greencastle, Pa., June 2, 1832, and was married in June, 1855, to Amelia J. Worley. Seven sons and two daughters were born to them as follows: James B., Frank, Jennie (Mrs. Theodore Haller), George, Eliza, Victor, Benton, Charles and Martin. Mr. Canode was a carpenter by trade, and was a prominent member of the Masons and the Lutheran Church. He served on several occasions on the village board of trustees.

BRUCE LEROY BRAYTON, son of Arthur and Harriet Brayton, was born in Mount Morris, August 13, 1879, and died Feb. 25, 1928, aged 48½ years. He graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1896 and from Mount Morris College in 1900. Later he attended the University of Illinois and the American Academy of Dramatic Art in New York City. He was successful as an actor for a number of years and after the death of his father he managed the Brayton fruit farm. In 1915, he married Isabel Grace Morse, who is now living in New York.



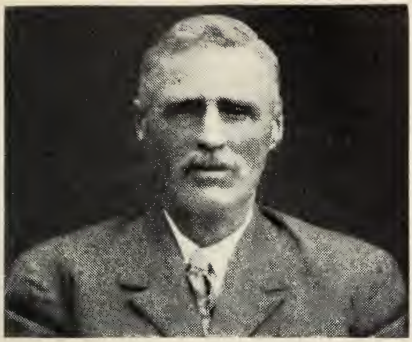
WILLIAM D. DAVIS, son of William and Margaret Davis, was born May 26, 1849, at Beaver Creek, Md., and died Oct. 1, 1929, aged 80 years. He came to Ogle County at the age of 12 and became a prosperous farmer, moving to Mount Morris in 1900. He served four terms as President of the Village Board of Trustees. In 1870, he married Susan Coffman and six children were born to them: Mrs. Vernie Shaw, Mrs. Bessie Pittenger, Edward, Frank, Myron and Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Davis celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Dec. 1, 1925. Mrs. Davis died April 1, 1926.

GEORGE W. CARR, son of George W. and Margaret (McLean) Carr, was born in Fulton County, Pa., Feb. 10, 1849, and died in Mount Morris Feb. 10, 1931, aged 82 years. He came to Mount Morris when about 22 years of age and in 1876 he married Ella A. Moats. There were three children, Albert A., and two daughters. who died in infancy. The mother died and in 1885 he married Martha Alexander. There were two children: Mrs. Nora Satterfield and Herbert Carr. He engaged in farming until about 20 years before his death, when he moved to Mount Morris.

JOHN M. BARNHIZER died July 8, 1906, aged 62 years. He was born Dec. 28, 1844, in Pine Creek Township. His parents were John and Elizabeth Barnhizer, who came from the east in 1838 and settled on a farm in Pine Creek, where the subject of this sketch was born and lived for 57 years. He married Mary J. Coddington in 1867, and they had one son, Willoughby M., and a daughter who died in infancy. They moved to Mount Morris in 1901.

IRVIN CARR died April 15, 1919, aged 66 years. He was the son of George W. and Margaret Carr and was born near Fort Littleton, Pa., Feb. 15, 1853. He came to Mount Morris when he was 21 years old and in 1879 he married Sarah Angell, to whom nine children were born: Mrs. John Riley, Mrs. Wm. Feltman, Mrs. Olin Stouffer, Mrs. Hugh Griffin, Mrs. Raymond Cain, Clarence, Orval, Glenn and Ralph.

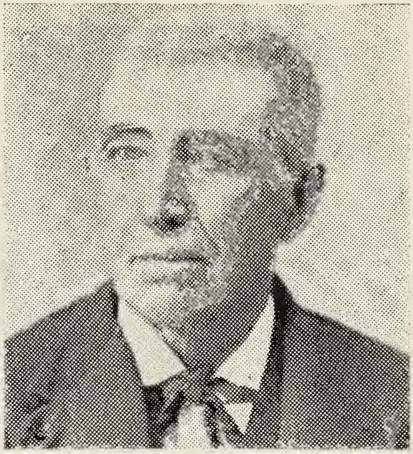
JOHN W. DIERDORFF was born near Gettysburg, Pa., August 18, 1848, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 3, 1928, aged 79 years. His family moved to Franklin Grove in 1849, where he grew to manhood. In 1872, he married Hannah Slifer, and eight children were born to them, one dying in infancy. The others were Charles, Vinna, Mabel, Mrs. Flora Plum, Mrs. Olive Miller, Virgil and Russel. Mrs. Dierdorff died on Aug. 13, 1929. The family moved from Lanark to Mount Morris in 1886.



ABRAM B. DIEHL died January 8, 1915, aged 67 years. He was born at New Enterprise, Pa., Oct. 28, 1847. When seven years of age, his family moved to Ogle County, locating near Maryland. Later he engaged in farming near Mount Morris until 1911, when he retired and moved to town. In 1883, he married Rosa Belle Wagner, and to them were born seven children: Mrs. Martin G. Moats, Lloyd M., Orval W., Wayne H., Jesse W., Earl D., and Errett J.

JOHN G. DOHLEN was born in Mount Morris Township on May 1, 1858, and died May 16, 1925, aged 67 years. He was engaged in farming his entire life in the vicinity of Mount Morris except for 13 years, beginning in 1888, when he lived near Ackley, Iowa. In 1884, he married Bengia Genandt, of Adeline, and eleven children were born to them, five of whom preceded the father in death. Those remaining were Rena C. DeWall, Otto J., Gertrude E. Myers, John G., Henry G., and LeRoy C., together with the mother.

SAMUEL DOMER died July 4, 1898, aged 80 years. He was born at Sharpsburg, Md., Sept. 3, 1818, and came to Illinois in 1846, and engaged in making brick. He was married to Elizabeth Steffa in 1847, but she died the following year. He married again in 1852 to Rachel Varner, and eight children were born to them: Martha, married Chas. Reber; Lydia Ann, died in 1855; Andrew J., living at Bremerton, Wash.; William H., died in Mount Morris, Nov., 1934; Samuel Oscar, living in Polo; Franklin V., died in 1932 in Iowa; Frederick W., living at Wichita, Kans.; Sarah A., married Wm. Koontz, living in Mount Morris. They lived on a farm near Leaf River for a period until 1876, when they moved to the farm home west of Mount Morris, where they lived until 1895, when they moved to town.



DANIEL EVERSOLE was born near Harper's Ferry, April 19, 1829, and died in Mount Morris, Aug. 24, 1913, aged past 84 years. He came to Ogle County in 1846 and worked for nine years as a farm hand. He then purchased a farm five miles west of Mount Morris, where he raised his family, then retired to Mount Morris for the remainder of his life. In 1859, he married Catherine Buser, and seven children were born to them: Dr. Gerry Eversole, Douglas (died in 1914), Anna (Mrs. Nevin Roeder), Daniel B. (died in 1932), Minerva (Mrs. Chas. Dickinson), Ivey (Mrs. N. E. Buser, died in 1919), and one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Eversole died in 1905.

DANIEL B. EVERSOLE, son of Daniel and Katherine (Buser) Eversole, was born near Shannon, Ill., Feb. 9, 1863, and died in Mount Morris May 20, 1932, aged 69 years. Most of his life was spent in or near Mount Morris, where he followed the vocations of farmer and carpenter, and the last eleven years in the bindery at the Kable plant. In 1917, he married Miss Zella Mitchell, who survives. There are no children.

JOHN H. FRENCH, for nearly 60 years a resident of Mount Morris, was born August 12, 1837, in Washington County, Md., and died at Freeport, Ill., March 23, 1925. aged over 87 years. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Davis) French. The father was a veterinary surgeon and a government inspector of horses during the Civil War. At the Battle of Gettysburg, he was captured by the Confederates, after which all trace of him was lost. The son came to Mount Morris in March, 1865, and for many years conducted a truck farm in the west end of town. He served six years on the village board of trustees. He was married in 1863 to Matilda Hause and three children were born: Samuel (deceased), a daughter who preceded him in death, and a daughter Ida Ellen (Mrs. Thomas Holmes), of Freeport, with whom he lived the last seven years. Mrs. French died in 1918.

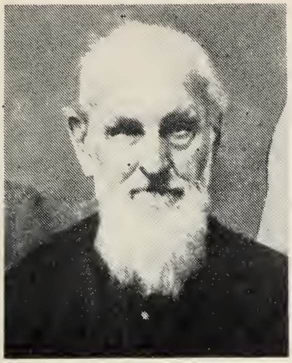
BENJAMIN H. FRIDLEY was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 19, 1832, and died in Mount Morris Oct. 31, 1923, aged nearly 92 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents when only six years old, and lived in or near Mount Morris for the remainder of his long life. He owned and operated a farm southeast of Mount Morris for many years. In 1871, he was married to Catherine Emmert, and six children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving the father were John E., Bessie, Mattie (Mrs. Luther Garber) and Benjamin F. The mother died in 1892 and about ten years later Mr. Fridley married Martha E. Fridley. He was a loyal and consistent member of the Old Order Brethren Church for many years.

SAMUEL M. ESHELMAN was a trusted employe for many years of the Brethren Publishing House while located in Mount Morris and accompanied the plant to Elgin when it was moved to that city in 1899, where he passed away.

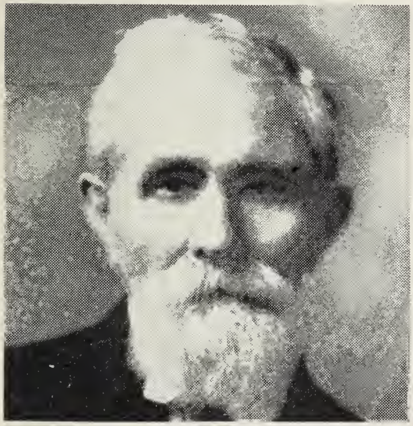
HENRY J. FARWELL was president of the Mount Morris School Board from 1865 to 1890, and was instrumental in the building of the original stone building in 1868. Mr. Farwell was the son of Henry and Nancy (Jackson) Farwell and was born May 24, 1821, in Steuben County, N.Y. He was educated in Mount Morris and for a time was in the mercantile business, having bought the interest of Enoch Wood of the firm name of Wood & Petrie. The name was changed to Petrie & Farwell. The business was later sold to Coffman Bros. Mr. Farwell then engaged in farming and stock raising on the fine homestead, one mile south of Mount Morris. One of Mr. Farwell's brothers was the well-known merchant prince of Chicago, John V. Farwell. He was married in 1851 to Mrs. Mahala J. Baker, and four children were born to them. Charles, William, George V. and Lillie (Mrs. Harry Cushing). Mr. Farwell died in 1890, aged 69 years, and Mrs. Farwell died in 1915.

CHARLES CRAWFORD was born Nov. 17, 1838, at Springville, N. Y., and died in Mount Morris, April 1, 1925, aged over 86 years. He spent his early years on the farm and at teaching. In 1873, he came to Mount Morris and was married to Frances E. Hoverland, who was teaching school here. They located on a farm near Marshalltown, Iowa, but Mr. Crawford suffered a sunstroke which permanently injured his eyes. They finally returned to Mount Morris. where they remained. They had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter, Cornelia. Mrs. Crawford died in 1922.

JAMES C. GIBBS, son of Jacob and Ann Virginia Gibbs, was born in the State of Maryland, May 20, 1864, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 18, 1928, aged 64 years. In 1880, he came to Pine Creek Township, and resided in or near Mount Morris the balance of his life, engaged mostly in farming, except seven years when he lived in Aurora. In 1888, he was married to Rosa Ridenour, to whom four children were born: Charles, Grace Horst, Gertrude Bearman and Marie Zumdahl.

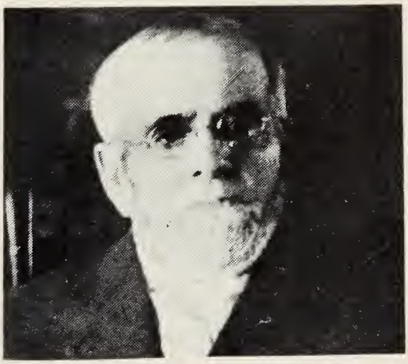


WILLOUGHBY M. FELKER was born near Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 3, 1844, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Watts, in Mount Morris, Dec. 17, 1922, aged nearly 79 years. He was of a large family of children born to Abraham and Catherine Felker, who came to Mount Morris in 1855 and settled on a farm north of Mount Morris. Mr. Felker was married to Alice Butterbaugh in 1868, and they had five children, Mrs. Olive Long, Henry Felker, Mrs. Fannie Watts, Merritt Felker, Mrs. Edna McNeel, and a daughter who died in 1918. In 1918, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Felker died in 1919.



HENRY FRAWERT, son of Fred and Wilhelmina Frawert, was born in Germany, July 21, 1842, and died in Mount Morris, April 20, 1927, aged nearly 85 years. He came to America when he was a young man and continued to live in or near Mount Morris until his death. In 1872, he was married to Charlotte Rohns and seven children were born to them: Henry, William, August, Mary, Fred, Edward and Clint.

SOLOMON E. DAVIS died Oct. 3, 1897, aged 72 years. He was born at Boonsboro, Md., Dec. 28, 1825, and came to Mount Morris in 1855, where he resided the balance of his life with the exception of several years. He was married in 1848 to Rebecca Fletcher and they became the parents of twelve children as follows: Laura J. (married Thomas Avey), Ida E., Lewis E. (married Nellie White), Floy L. (married James H. Depue), Otho F. (married Katherine McMullen), Chas. V., Mary D. (married Albert Lookabaugh), Eva C. (married Freedline Petrie), Hattie M. (married James Miller), Ben G. (married Annie Sharp), Seymour S. (married Elizabeth O'Leary), Florence R. (married Fred Long).

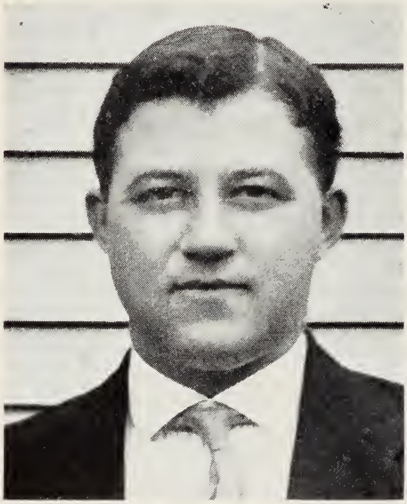


DANIEL EMMERT was born near Hagerstown, Md., May 19, 1850, and died in Mount Morris, August 1, 1923, aged 73 years. His father, Elder Michael Emmert, came with his family to Ogle County in 1859 and purchased a farm five miles north of Mount Morris, and Daniel spent the rest of his life in or near Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Emma A. Porter, and five children were born to them: Mrs. G. W. Kieffaber, Elsie Emmert, George C. and Harry L. One daughter died in infancy.

KATHERINE McNEILL HOFFMAN, whose career as a singer in concert and opera gave her a national reputation, was born in Mount Morris. She was the daughter of Dr. Francis A. and Barbara (Wagner) McNeill, and she was known professionally as Kitty McNeill. She studied voice in Chicago, Boston and Paris and made her debut in America with John A. McCaul Opera Company, with which she sang several seasons. She was also with the Tavaray Opera Company, with Jules Levy, the Innes Band and the Metropolitan Opera Company. She possessed a rich, powerful contralto of wide range and great sweetness. In 1900 Miss McNeill was married to Dr. Walter Hoffman of Honolulu, and they lived in that city for many years. Later they moved to Chicago where Mrs. Hoffman died in 1937.

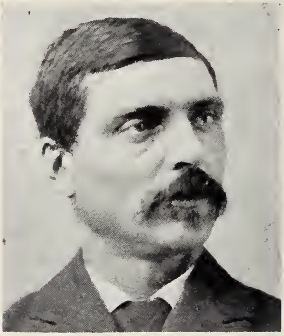
OLIVER C. GLOSS was born near Rohrersville, Md., Feb. 16, 1864, and died June 1, 1925, aged 61 years. He came to Mount Morris when 25 years of age, and continued to reside here until the time of his death. In 1878 he married Florence B. Stonebraker, who preceded him in death in 1911. They had three children, Elsie, who died young; Clayton, who died in 1935; and Bertha.

SAMUEL M. GRIMM died Feb. 27, 1919, aged 68 years. He was born in Rohrersville, Md., Nov. 26, 1850, and came to Mount Morris when a young man, where he followed the trade of plasterer. In 1871, he married Sarah C. Rowe, and they had one son, Harvey.



CLAYTON G. GLOSS, son of Oliver and Florence Stonebraker Gloss, was born on a farm north of Mount Morris, July 16, 1881, and died Feb. 28, 1935, aged 53 years. He attended school in Mount Morris, including Mount Morris College, and for more than 30 years was a valued employe in the pressroom of Kable Brothers Company. For many years he was a member of the local band in the capacity of bass drummer. In 1910, he married Miss Elizabeth Kline, and they had two children, Robert and Virginia.

WILLIAM HARLEY HEDGES, son of Samuel and Eleanor Hedges, was born at Hedgeville, W.Va., Nov. 20, 1849, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 22, 1935, aged nearly 86 years. He came to Mount Morris when a young man and followed the vocation of well-driller until he was forced to retire because of old age. He was unmarried.

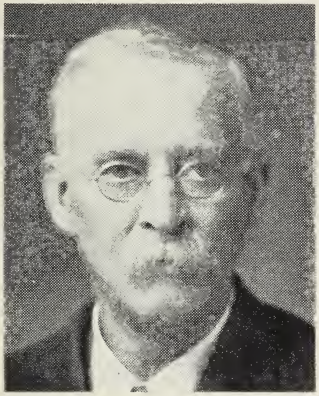


JONATHAN HIESTAND died Feb. 5, 1918, aged 75 years. He was the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Newcomer) Hiestand and was born in Mount Morris Township Nov. 21, 1842. He attended the district school and Rock River Seminary. He taught school and engaged in farming in his early life and moved to Mount Morris in 1884. He served as justice of the peace for many years and traveled quite extensively. He never married.

WILLIAM HOLSINGER, son of John and Barbara Holsinger, was born at Roaring Springs, Pa., Aug. 10, 1855, and died Dec. 3, 1935, aged 80 years. He was only six months old when his parents brought him to Mount Morris, and he resided in the community continuously for nearly 80 years. In 1890, he married Florence Knodle, and two children were born to them: Ray and a daughter who died in infancy.

ARTHUR C. IRVIN died March 2, 1919, aged nearly 61 years. He was the son of Addison and Matilda Irvin and was born in Chicago March 28, 1858. He came to Mount Morris when a young man and lived here the remainder of his life. In 1883, he was married to Julia Weller, whose death occurred in 1907. They had one son, Claire, who was in the army in France when his father died. For over thirty years, Mr. Irvin was a railway mail clerk on the Burlington. He was a member of the Masons.

MRS. MARGARET GRANGER, a respected colored lady, was brought to Mount Morris as a slave by the Samuel Hitt family in 1937 when she was a young girl. She died Feb. 11, 1925, at the age of approximately 100 years, but there is no record of exactly when and where she was born. She never saw her father or mother after she was taken away from them. She lived with the Hitt family until Miss Margaret married Prof. D. J. Pinckney, the first principal of Rock River Seminary, and she moved with them to their home in the seminary building. The Pinckney children grew up under her care. Later she was married to John Granger and Mr. Hitt gave her the two lots on Main Street where she lived the remainder of her life. This was the only colored family that lived in Mount Morris for many years. There were nine children who grew up in Mount Morris. John C., Laura, Daniel, Maxie, Joseph, Bud, Grace, Vina. The father, John Granger, served in Co. D, 8th Ill. Inf., during the Civil War. He died in 1882.

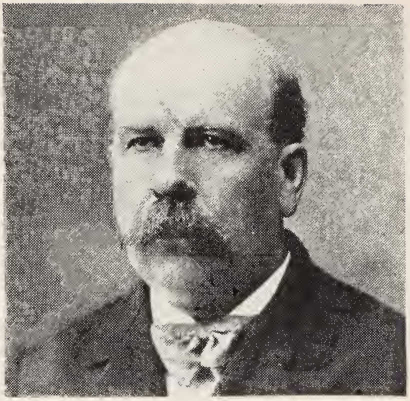


FONETICUS JACOBS, son of Enos and Rachel Jacobs, was born March 10, 1855, near Adeline, and died Sept. 28, 1933, aged 78½ years. He was of a family of 11 children. He engaged in farming in the vicinity of Adeline until 1907, when he moved to Mount Morris. In 1878, he married Mina L. Avery and seven children were born to them: Mrs. Elva Buser, Enos (who died in 1931), Mrs. Grace Klontz, Mrs. Gertrude Peugh, John Jacobs, and two children that died in infancy. On Jan. 1, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Jacobs died June 19, 1937.

JOHN H. HANSTINE, son of Adam and Margaret (Zollinger) Hanstine, was born near Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1850, and died at Mount Morris, Dec. 19, 1931, aged 81 years. His family moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana and later to near Polo. He attended Rock River Seminary and became a minister of the United Brethren Church for several years, then represented the American Bible Society. In 1873, he married Mahala Bovey, and four children were born to them: Grace (Mrs. Elmer Clapper), Edith and Clarence, one son dying in infancy. Mrs. Hanstine passed away in 1931.

NICHOLAS T. KOONTZ, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Koontz, was born in Bruceville, Md., April 20, 1839, and died in Mount Morris, March 5, 1926, aged nearly 87 years. He came to Illinois when a young man and during the greater part of his life worked at his trade of blacksmith in Mount Morris. He was married in 1865 to Susan M. Mumma and five children were born to them: Chas. C., who died in infancy; Mary E., who died in 1895; William W., Grace (Mrs. John Marshall) and Lulu (Mrs. M. L. Noble). The mother died in 1898. In 1900, Mr. Koontz was married to Anna Slifer, who died in 1920.

HALE D. JUDSON was born at Waupaca, Wis., in 1853, and died in Texas in March, 1911. At the age of eleven years, he came to Mount Morris to reside with his uncle, F. B. Brayton, with whose family he resided for about eight years. He attended Rock River Seminary during 1871 and 1872 and assisted in his uncle's store and postoffice. When the railroad was built through Mount Morris, A. W. Brayton became the first agent and Mr. Judson became night operator. Later he became day operator when Mr. Brayton resigned, and worked his way up with the railroad until he became division superintendent of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, with headquarters at Aurora. Mr. Judson was married to Fannie Reed of Rochelle, who lived less than a year. Several years later he married Josephine Gould, and they had three children.



JOHN A. KABLE died Oct. 1, 1919, at the age of 72 years. He was born June 27, 1847, in Northumberland County, Pa., and was the eldest son of nine children of Christian and Esther Bowman Kable. He spent his boyhood days in Pennsylvania and worked as a coal miner. The family moved to Carroll County, Ill., after the war, and the father died soon after, leaving the subject of this sketch, as the eldest son, to care for the mother and younger brothers and sisters. He was married June 27, 1872, to Elizabeth Ann Speicher, and eight children were born to them—Allie, who died in 1906, a son who died in infancy, Minnie (Mrs. Chas. Niman), Lulu (Mrs. Harry Longman), Harvey J., Harry G., Hazel (Mrs. Milo Zimmerman) and Ruth. The mother died May 7, 1919. Mr. Kable was a carpet weaver by trade and conducted a carpet weaving shop during the entire 27 years that he resided in Mount Morris. The family moved to Mount Morris from Lanark, Ill., in 1882.

JOHN T. KANODE died April 4, 1903, aged nearly 69 years. He was born in Frederick County, Md., and came to Illinois in 1882, and lived for many years on the farm one mile east of town now owned by Jacob Bonar. He married Amie Haugh in 1864, who died in 1874. To them was born one son, Harry. In 1876, he married Sarah L. Whetsel.

EDWARD KEEDY died March 1, 1897, age nearly 69 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., July 1, 1828. In 1853, he married Elizabeth Blecker, and in 1869 he brought his family to Mount Morris and settled on his farm a mile east of town, where he died. His wife preceded him in death about five years. There were ten children in the family.

LEVI L. KERNS died July 20, 1900, aged 58 years. He was born in 1842 in Clark County, Ohio, and came to Ogle County in 1855. He married Mary E. Mumma in 1865. He engaged in farming in various localities until April, 1898, when he came to Mount Morris to take charge of the Old Folks' Home. He had three children, Mrs. Willis Fairlamb, Ada C., and Susie E. (Mrs. Guy Smith).

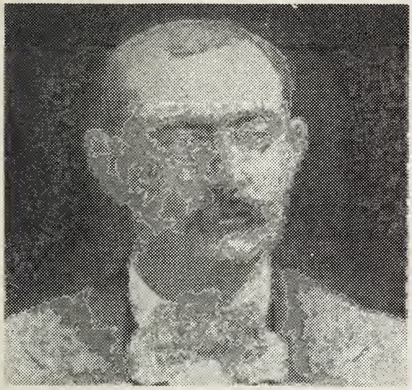
FERDINAND KING died July 19, 1907, aged 80 years. He was born in Konigsreich, Prussia, May 10, 1827, and came to Mount Morris in 1874, where he bought a small farm northwest of town. In 1855, he married Louisa Margourtt, to whom six children were born, four of whom died in early youth, followed by the death of the mother in 1872. The surviving children were Charles King and the late Mrs. Yost Frey.

WILLIAM H. KEEDY, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Blecker) Keedy, was born at Boonsboro, Md., June 6, 1867, and died July 26, 1922, aged 55 years. He came with his parents to Mount Morris when but three years of age and lived in or near the village the remainder of his life, engaged most of the time in farming. In February 1902, he was married to Miss Edith Young, who survives him. They had no children, but they took David Fridley into their home when a lad and regarded him as their son.

WILLIAM LOHAFER, SR., died December 31, 1911, aged 73½ years. He was born May 20, 1838, in Hummersan, Germany, and came to America while in his teens. He was married Oct. 18, 1860, to Trientje Reiken, and eleven children were born to them. Five of the children preceded the father in death. Those which remained were Mrs. Carrie Burner, Mrs. Rosa Steinmann, Mrs. Nettie McCay, Mrs. Pearl Asay, William and Henry.

WILLIAM LOHAFER, son of William and Trientje Lohafer, was born at Mount Morris, April 3, 1868, and died Jan. 15, 1932, aged nearly 64 years. He engaged in farming and stock raising during his entire life, mostly on the old Lohafer homestead just west of town. He was a talented musician, being a cornet soloist of considerable ability and for many years was a member of the local bands. He was unmarried.

ANDREW J. LONG died Jan. 4, 1918, aged 76 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 15, 1841. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Long, and was the youngest of twelve children. When a child, his parents moved from Maryland to Pine Creek Township, and later to a farm six miles north of Mount Morris. He spent nearly all his life in or near Mount Morris. In 1867, he married Louisa Weller, and they had three children. They were Fred Long and Mrs. Grace Rodgers, and one child who died in infancy. In 1874, Mrs. Long died, and thirteen years later Mr. Long married Mrs. Susan Miller, who died Nov. 11, 1914.



FRANK F. KNODLE, son of Jacob and Anna (Little) Knodle, was born in Mount Morris, April 29, 1854, and died May 28, 1926, aged 72 years. His mother died when he was very young and he was reared in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little. He became a telegraph operator and for a period was in charge of the local station. He was a talented musician and for many years was connected with the musical organizations of Mount Morris. In later years he was engaged in the engraving of music plates for various publishers. In 1877, he married Cora B. Crowell and they had one son, Floyd. Mrs. Knodle passed away in January, 1936.

ARCHIBALD S. McCOY died August 17, 1913, aged 64 years. He was the son of James B. and Elizabeth McCoy, and was born in Mount Morris, January 15, 1849. He was born, lived and died on the old McCoy homestead, just south of Mount Morris. He was married to Lura A. Neff and they had three children, Mrs. Jelis Stearns, Jesse and Edmund.

WILLIS S. MUMMA, the eldest son of Samuel and Louisa Mumma, was born in Pine Creek Township, Dec. 2, 1870. He attended the Mount Morris Public School and Mount Morris College. In 1889, he entered the employ of Nathaniel E. Buser to learn the carpenter trade and in 1898 became a partner of Mr. Buser. He was married March 21, 1896, to Anna L. Rice, who survives him. Mr. Mumma died April 27, 1923, aged 52 years.

JOHN McNETT, son of Bartholomew and Amelia McNett, was born Sept. 17, 1843, on a farm west of Mount Morris, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 13, 1935, aged past 91 years. The entire period of his life was spent in or near Mount Morris, his occupation being that of farmer. For a period of over 63 years, he resided in the house in the southwest part of town where he died. In 1867, he married Margaret Ann Hause, and they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in October, 1933. Mrs. McNett passed away in 1934. Nine children were born to them: Mrs. Ella Watts, Charles, Samuel, Walter, Mrs. Bessie Wesner, Mrs. Bertha Van Strien, and three children who preceded their parents in death.

THIS OLD-TIME PICTURE represents a prominent Mount Morris family of many years ago. In the center below is Mrs. William Marsh (Harriet Haylor) and the others are her children. The two men at the right are Joseph and John Nye, her children from a former marriage. The two men at the left are Capt. Chas. T. Marsh and Capt. Frederick H. Marsh. At the lower left is Elizabeth Marsh, who married Edward McCready and is still living in Mount Morris, and at the right is Emma Marsh, who married Elifalet Stonebraker. The Nye brothers came to Mount Morris in 1853 and the Marsh family came in 1855. They were all natives of Dover, England. The father, William Marsh, served as a sailor under Lord Nelson in the British man-of-war "Victory" at the Battle of Trafalgar. Biographies of the Marsh and Nye brothers will be found elsewhere in this volume.

JOHN D. LOOKABAUGH, eldest son of Samuel and Mary Lookabaugh, was run over and killed in June, 1901, by a switch engine at Aurora. He was born June 30, 1856, in Franklin County, Pa., and moved to Mount Morris when nine years of age.

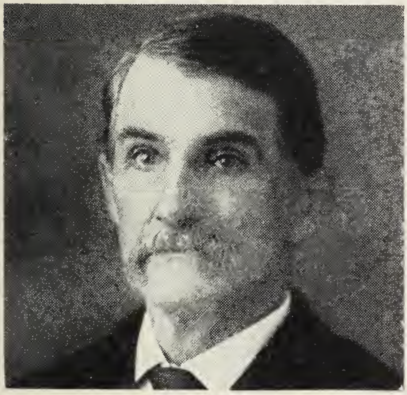
JAMES B. McCOY, son of James B. and Elizabeth McCoy, was born in Mount Morris, Aug. 17, 1845. He married Mary A. Smith in 1873, and they had one son, James Archibald. Mr. McCoy died in 1894.

AUSTIN MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Thomas) Middlekauff, was born at Mount Morris, March 22, 1863, and died April 19, 1932, aged 69 years. After attending the local schools, he engaged in farming northwest of Mount Morris, where his family was reared. He retired to Mount Morris in 1912. In 1887, he married Mary C. Moats and three children were born to them: Merritt H., Mrs. Floyd Olson and Mrs. Jesse H. Smith.

SAMUEL MIDDOUR died January 22, 1916, aged nearly 80 years. He was born at Quincy, Pa., Jan. 31, 1836, and came to Mount Morris in 1864, thus having lived in the community for fifty-two years. Shortly after coming to Mount Morris he entered the mercantile business with Samuel Lookabaugh. In 1872, he formed a partnership in the live stock and grain business with Daniel Sprecher, and later he conducted a meat market for several years in partnership with Benj. Mumma. In 1882, he moved with his family to his farm a mile northeast of town where he engaged in farming until his death. In 1868, he married Harriet A. Little and they had three children, Eldridge, Lulu and Mina (Mrs. Vernon V. Rees). Mr. Middour was present and heard Abraham Lincoln deliver his famous address at Gettysburg. Mrs. Middour died Aug. 9, 1934.

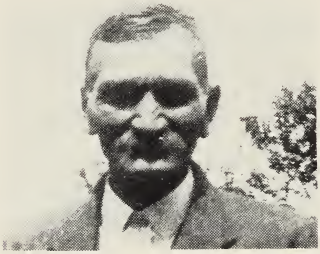
CHARLES C. MILES died February 22, 1914, aged 72 years. He was the son of Israel and Mary Miles and was born near Sharpsburg, Md., Dec. 6, 1841. The family moved to Mount Morris about the year 1845, and Mr. Miles spent the remainder of his life here. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and Rock River Seminary. He was married in 1884 to Mary C. Hause, and they had one daughter, Mrs. Edith Gardener. Mrs. Miles died in March, 1938.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL, son of Reuben S. and Matilda Marshall, was born March 6, 1853, on the Marshall homestead, three miles north of Mount Morris, and died Feb. 13, 1927, aged nearly 74 years. His entire life was spent in or near Mount Morris except for 12 years in Iowa. He was the eldest of 12 children. In 1876, he was married to Mary Rowe, and they had two children, Gertrude (Mrs. Clyde Walkup), and Reuben Marshall. The mother died in March, 1927.



JACOB G. MILLER, son of John M. and Susan Price Miller, was born in Pine Creek Township, May 16, 1847, and died in Rockford, Oct. 22, 1934, aged 87 years. He attended country schools and Rock River Seminary, and in 1867 began his teaching career of over 50 years. In 1874, he married Ann Swingley and they had one son, Merritt S., who lives in Rockford. Mr. Miller was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and the Masonic fraternity.

LEWIS D. MILLER died December 21, 1914, aged 63 years. He was born in Lincoln Township, Ogle County, Jan. 18, 1852. He was engaged in farming in Lincoln and Leaf River Townships until the year 1900, when he moved to Mount Morris to take charge of the Old Folks' Home for the Brethren Church, which position he held for nine years. Mr. Miller was married in 1874 to Mary Ann Diehl. They had two children who died in infancy. The mother also died, and in 1879 Mr. Miller married Susan E. Diehl, who died in 1937. They had two children, Clinton and Clifford.



JOSIAH MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Elias and Elizabeth Middlekauff, was born in Washington County, Md., June 16, 1843, and died April 17, 1927, aged nearly 84 years. He came to Pine Creek Township with his parents when he was three years old, and lived in that vicinity, engaged in farming until 1907, when he retired to Mount Morris. In 1877 he married Estella Mumma, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary only two months before his death. They had four sons: Roy, Earl, Olin, and one who died in infancy. The mother died April 11, 1937, aged 84 years.

MRS. HARRIET MIDDOUR AND MRS. MARTHA SMITH, life-long residents of Mount Morris, were the twin daughters of William and Wilhelmina Little. They were born at Columbus City, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1842. They were only four years of age when the family moved to Mount Morris, where the father, a wagonmaker by trade, had a shop on East Main St. They received their education in the local school and graduated from Rock River Seminary, and later taught school in this vicinity. In 1866, Harriet married Samuel Middour and three children were born to them, Eldridge, Lulu and Mina (Mrs. Vernon Rees). The father passed away in 1916 and the mother Aug. 9, 1934, aged nearly 92 years. The other twin, Martha A., married D. H. Smith in 1865 and there were five children: Mable Haney, Nellie Walker, Gertrude, Eldridge and H. B., who is the only surviving child and lives at Canton, Miss. Mr. Smith passed away in 1895, but at this writing Mrs. Smith is still alive, aged nearly 96 years.

JAMES L. MUMMA died Feb. 8, 1905, aged nearly 64 years. He was the son of Shaeffer and Naomi Mumma, early pioneers of Ogle County. He was born in April, 1841, in Pine Creek Township. He engaged in various occupations, but for over twenty years he was employed in the south side butcher shop in Mount Morris. Mr. Mumma married Sophia E. Etnyre in 1867, and they had seven children, but unfortunately four of them died in childhood, those living being Allie (Mrs. Harry J. Powers), Wilbur and Mable (Mrs. Walter Marshall).

MRS. MARGARET NEWCOMER died July 5, 1911, aged 67 years. She was of the well-known family of Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, and was born on the Hitt farm near Mount Morris on Dec. 21, 1844. She grew to womanhood at her rural home, and attended Rock River Seminary. Later she attended Northwestern University at Evanston. In 1870, she was married to Albert N. Newcomer, and they had four children: Emily (Mrs. Jos. L. Rice), Morris H., Thomas E. and Robert H.

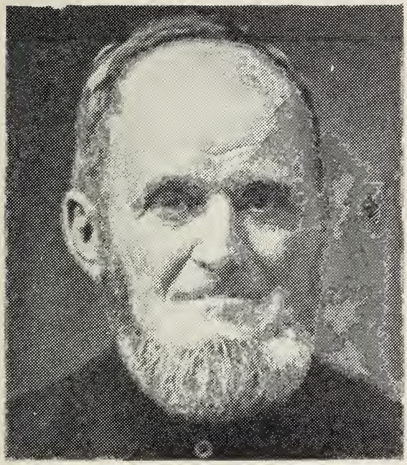
JOHN M. MILLER, familiarly known as "Uncle Johnny," died March 7, 1900, aged 83 years. He was born in Berkeley County, W.Va., in 1817. He came to Pine Creek Township in 1840 with the Maryland colony, and married Susan G. Price, who had arrived six months before. They had nine children, those living in Mount Morris being Jacob G. Miller and Mrs. Ella Winders.

HENRY A. NEFF, son of Abraham and Amelia (Murray) Neff, was born August 30, 1814, in Frederick City, Md., and came to Ogle County in 1842. He was a blacksmith by trade and had a shop in Mount Morris until 1868 when he became a farmer. In 1839, he married Cynthia Ann McNett, to whom three children were born: Margaret A., Charles F., and Wm. H. Mrs. Neff died in 1845 and a year later he married Indiana Clark. Seven children were born to them as follows: Addison W., Clark C., Lura (Mrs. Arthur McCoy), Mary E., Milton C., Emery and Nettie (Mrs. G. W. Deppen). Mr. Neff died in 1887.

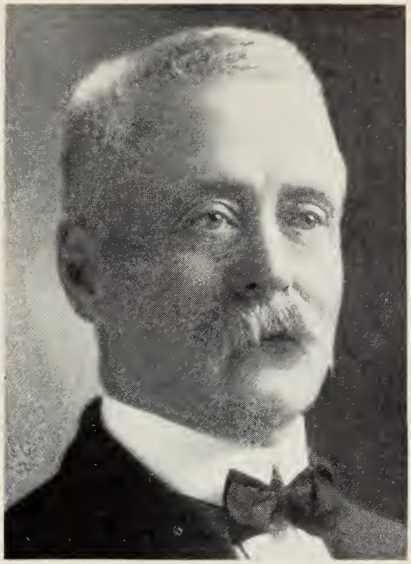
WILLIAM NALLEY died October 28, 1913, aged nearly 78 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Dec. 10, 1835. He came here with his father's family when a child, and lived in or near Mount Morris for nearly 60 years. He married Sarah A. Palmer in 1862, and they had one son, Arthur W. Nally, who located in Rockford.

DAVID NEWCOMER, while working as brakeman on the Burlington in September, 1901, died from injuries received by falling from a moving train near Oregon. He was the son of Emanuel Newcomer. He was born near Adeline, Ill., and was 25 years old at the time of his death.

JOHN R. PETRIE was the first child born within the present limits of Mount Morris. He was born in the original "Old Sandstone" February 17, 1841, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Petrie. He served as sheriff of Ogle County from 1870 to 1874. He left Mount Morris about 1880 and located in South Dakota. He died at Sawtelle, Calif., Sept. 26, 1921.



HENRY T. MOATS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moats, was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 31, 1839, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 30, 1920, aged 81 years. He lived in Mount Morris Township for 76 years, having come here when five years of age in 1844, with his uncle, Daniel Zellers. In January, 1864, he married Anne E. Sprecher, and they engaged in farming east of Mount Morris until the death of Mrs. Moats in 1897. Five children were born to them—Daniel P., William A., Mary C., Emma H., and Martin. The mother and three of the children passed away and, in 1901, Mr. Moats married Mrs. Florence Sprecher. They moved to town in 1903.



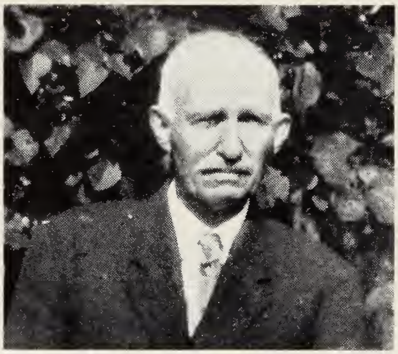
ADDISON W. NEFF, son of Abraham and Amelia (Murray) Neff, was born at Mount Morris, March 14, 1847, and died at Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 16, 1926, aged nearly 79 years. For many years, beginning in 1852, he conducted a blacksmith shop in Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Emily A. Black, and they had four children: Aida E., who died in 1914; Lura Eloise, who married Edward Chambers, and Olive M., who married Leonard C. Roney. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Neff passed away in 1911. In 1912, Mr. Neff went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Chambers, at Vancouver, B.C., where he died. Mr. Neff came of a musical family and his daughters were accomplished musicians.

JUDGE MERRITT W. PINCKNEY died June 7, 1920, in Chicago, aged 61 years. He was born in Mount Morris Dec. 12, 1859, and attended Rock River Seminary, of which his father, Daniel J. Pinckney, was principal. In 1881, he graduated from Knox College and in 1883 from the Union College of Law. He practiced law in Chicago and in 1905 was elected judge, which position he held until his death. His work on the bench made him nationally famous. In 1885, he married Mary Van Vechten, who survived him. There were no children.

WILLARD POND was the son of Levi Pond and was born in Onondaga County, N.Y., May 23, 1816. He came to Illinois in 1845 and settled on a farm a half mile north of Mount Morris where he lived until his death Nov. 29, 1897, aged 81½ years. In September, 1841, he married

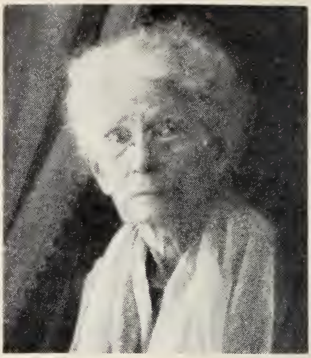
Mary E. Jones and they had four daughters: Matilda (Mrs. Geo. B. Geiger), Hannah (Mrs. Isaac Fry), Laura J. (Mrs. Thos. Hiestand), and Alice (Mrs. Jacob Knodle).

NELSON T. POTTER died April 2, 1907, aged 76½ years. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 20, 1830, son of James and Rebecca (Donaldson) Potter, who came from Maryland in 1849 with their family of nine children. He went west in search of gold in 1852 and 1864. In 1863, he married Barbara Hiestand and later engaged in farming north of Mount Morris. They had six children: Edward, Alvernon, Irving, Grace (Mrs. Chas. Thomas), Robert and Luella.



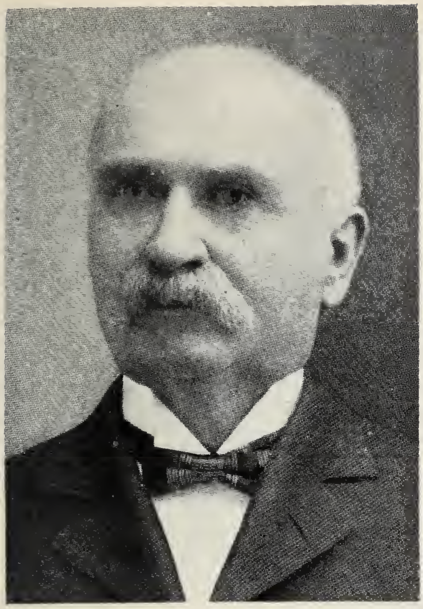
DANIEL H. NEWCOMER, son of Cyrus and Elizabeth Newcomer, was born at Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 4, 1859, and died at the family homestead, northwest of Mount Morris, Dec. 28, 1936, aged nearly 78 years. He came to Illinois with his parents when a child and spent his entire life on the home farm. In 1884, he was married to Cora E. Long and four children were born to them: Harry C. and Harvey A., twins, Mrs. Nellie Davey and Mrs. Eva Watson. In 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

REV. J. M. REES, retired Lutheran minister, died at his home just east of Mount Morris, July 2, 1909, aged nearly 73 years. Rev. Rees brought his family to Mount Morris in 1896 from Port Byron, Ill., to give his children the advantage of our schools. He was born in 1836 at Lewisburg, Pa., and came to Illinois with his parents in 1850. He studied for the ministry at Susquehanna University at Selins Grove and was ordained in 1871 at Jersey Shore, Pa. He held a number of pastorates in Iowa, before he retired in 1894. Rev. Rees was married in 1873 to Frances Plumb, and five sons and four daughters were born to them. Three children preceeded the father in death and those remaining were Mrs. Birdie Reynolds, Mrs. Aimee O'Hara, Leslie, Vernon, Vera and Perley.

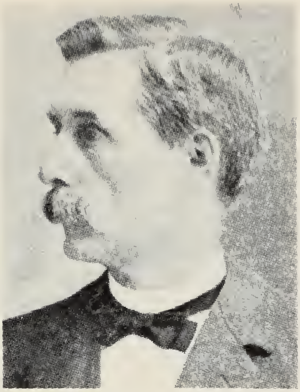


MARIA HITT NEWCOMER, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. and Emily (John) Hitt, died at Santa Monica, Calif., Sept. 30, 1935. She was born in Mount Morris Jan. 12, 1848, and spent her entire life here until she moved to California in 1931. She was nearly 88 years of age at time of death. She attended Rock River Seminary and later taught music in that institution. Her father was one of the founders of the Seminary and her brother, Robert R. Hitt, was Congressman for many years from this district. She married Chas. Newcomer in 1889.

MRS. CATHERINE NYE died March 27, 1910, aged nearly 90 years. She was the daughter of James and Nancy Coffman, and was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 24, 1820. She came to Pine Creek Township with her parents in 1840. In 1842, she married Michael Stonebraker and they lived two miles north of Mount Morris for many years. Eight children were born to them, among whom were Mrs. Ellen Bell, Newton, Eliphalet, Charles, Mrs. Urilla Potter and Orville. Mr. Stonebraker died in 1858, and in 1860, Mrs. Stonebraker became the wife of John H. Nye. Two sons were born to them, Frank and Ulysses C. Mr. Nye died in 1896, and during the remaining years of her life, Mrs. Nye lived with her son Ulysses.



MAJOR CHAS. NEWCOMER, one of Mount Morris's prominent citizens, passed away August 11, 1907. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Fridley) Newcomer and was born August 22, 1825, at Beaver Creek, Md. He was 82 years of age at time of death. He came to Illinois with his father's family in 1845, and they settled on a farm near Mount Morris. He was the eldest of nine children. His sister, Mrs. Ellen Trine, was a life-long resident of Mount Morris, and his brother, Albert N. Newcomer, married Maggie, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. Hitt. Mr. Newcomer first engaged in farming, and it is said that the first carload of grain marketed by rail from Mount Morris was raised by him. He erected the middle elevator and continued in the grain business until he sold the elevator to John Weller. In 1855, he was elected Sheriff of Ogle County, and in 1861, he was made a member of the Constitutional Convention. During the Civil War, Mr. Newcomer was appointed Paymaster of the Dept. of the Cumberland, with the rank of Major, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. In 1877, Major Newcomer and Dr. Isaac Rice established the Bank of Mount Morris, of which the former became the sole proprietor in 1880, remaining so until 1899, when he sold out to Jos. L. and J. H. Rice, and retired from active business. He was married in 1853 to Rosalie D. Blanchard, and they had three sons, Franklin F., Chas. E. and Lyle C. The mother died in 1872. On June 2, 1879, he married again to Maria Hitt, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. Hitt, and sister of Hon. R. R. Hitt.



JOSEPH M. PIPER was born at Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 30, 1838, and died at DeKalb, Ill., March 4, 1928, aged 90 years. The Piper family moved to Illinois when he was a small boy, making the trip in a covered wagon, and settled on a farm a few miles north of Mount Morris. He was educated in the district school and Rock River Seminary, also a year at the University of Michigan. He taught school for many years, including four years (1872 to 1876) as principal of Mount Morris Public School. In the eighties he purchased the hardware business in Mount Morris of J. D. Armstrong which he conducted until 1890 when he sold out to C. E. Price. He served as County Superintendent of Schools of Ogle County for 14 years and then went into the real estate business at DeKalb. Mr. Piper married Miss Caroline Cheney in 1864 and she preceded him in death five years.

EDWARD C. PAGE, a teacher of considerable prominence who grew to manhood in Mount Morris, was the son of John and Hannah (Cheney) Page and was born at Belvidere, Ill., May 29, 1863, his father being superintendent of schools at that place. On the death of the father, the young son was brought to Mount

Morris, where he attended the public school and Mount Morris College. He then entered Northwestern University and graduated in 1888; then took post graduate work for three years at the University of Chicago. He later taught American History and literature in the University of Chicago and then for many years occupied the chair of history in the Northern Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb, Ill., where he passed away. In 1899, Prof. Page married Janet Clive Gloss, daughter of Rev. Hamilton Gloss.

ANTON PIEPER, son of Frederick Pieper, was born in Germany, August 30, 1852, and died in Mount Morris, Nov. 29, 1928, aged 76 years. He came to America in 1869 and worked in various localities in Illinois, finally purchasing the farm west of Mount Morris where he reared his family. He moved to Mount Morris about ten years before his death. In 1875, he was married to Caroline Schnulle, and ten children were born to them, eight of whom survived the father as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Lena Snodgrass, Julia, Henry, August, William, Mrs. Amelia Holsinger, Mrs. Anna Diehl. The mother died Jan. 6, 1936.

DR. A. W. PRICE was born in Pine Creek Township, July 9, 1859, and died April 20, 1911, aged nearly 52 years. On October 13, 1880, he was married to Alice Griswold, to whom were born four children: Verna (Mrs. Lloyd Holsinger), Etta (Mrs. John Walsh), Harry Price, and one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Price died in 1908, and in September, 1909, he was married again to Mrs. Mary E. Reed of Creston. Mr. Price was a veterinarian and the family lived in Mount Morris a number of years previous to 1909.

BENJ. RIDENOUR died Feb. 24, 1918, aged nearly 79 years. He was born at Cavetown, Md., May 6, 1839, and came to Illinois in 1877. He engaged in farming three miles southwest of Mount Morris for many years and moved to town twelve years before his death. In 1857, he married Susan Houser and eight children were born to them: John M., Mrs. Mary Rudy, Mrs. Rosa Gibbs, Mrs. Anna Few, Mrs. Emma Trap, Mrs. Ann Stouffer, Lee Ridenour and one daughter who died in infancy.

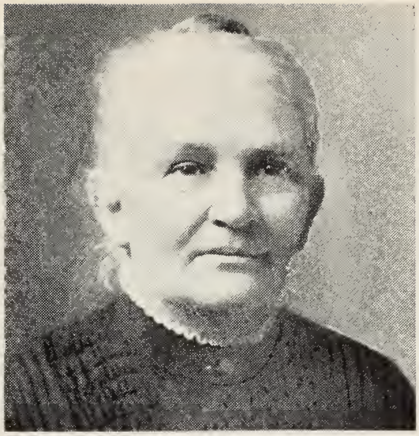
CHARLES PEACOCK died Nov. 1, 1914, aged 32 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peacock. and was born Oct. 26, 1882, and spent his entire life in Mount Morris. He graduated from high school and completed the commercial course of Mount Morris College. He was unmarried.

ROBERT PATTERSON was the son of Adam and Mary (McDonald) Patterson, and was of a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters. He was born on the farm occupied by the Patterson family, five and one-half miles northwest of Mount Morris, August 31, 1850. He was educated in the district schools and continued to live on the farm after the death of his father in 1868 until the year 1881, when he purchased eighty acres of land of Daniel J. Pinckney, lying one and one-half miles west of Mount Morris, on which place he continued to live with his widowed mother for twenty years. After the death of his mother he moved to Mount Morris, where he died July 10, 1921, aged nearly 71 years. He was unmarried.

AUNT KITTY RICE died December 26, 1900, at the age of 103 years, 4 months and 2 days. Her maiden name was Catherine Funk and she was born at Beaver Creek, Md., Aug. 24, 1797. She came west in 1845 and became the second wife of Jacob Rice. She had no children of her own but became a devoted mother to Mr. Rice's twelve children, one of whom was the well-known Isaac Rice, father of Joseph L. Rice.

WILLIAM H. ROWE was born near Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 28, 1850, and died at Mount Morris Jan. 29, 1924, aged over 73 years. He came to Illinois in March, 1865, and resided in or near Mount Morris for 59 years. The greater part of this time he was engaged in farming. In 1875, he married Alice Swingley and five children were born to them: Mrs. Edith Coffman, Benjamin S., Mrs. Alva Houpt, Frank O., and Morris W. Mrs. Rowe passed away in 1921.

GEORGE W. SHANK died May 9, 1900, aged 75 years. He was born near Myersville, Md., Feb. 8, 1825. His father and mother both died before he was a year old. He married Susan Malone in 1848 and the following year settled in Pine Creek Township. They moved to Mount Morris in 1877 and Mrs. Shank died in 1892. They had three children: Laura (Mrs. A. M. Newcomer), George M. and Albert.

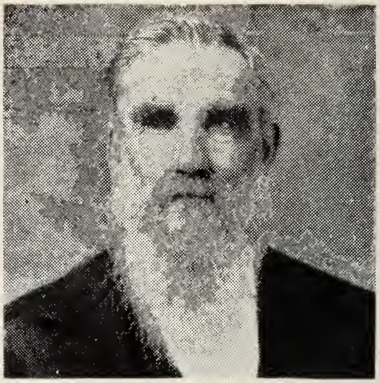


MRS. BARBARA RICE died Nov. 23, 1916, aged nearly 76 years. She was born in Pine Creek Township, Jan. 20, 1841, and was the daughter of Samuel and Barbara Funk, pioneers who came from the east in 1840. She was the last survivor of ten children. Her mother died in 1842, and she went to live with Aunt Kitty Rice until her marriage in 1863 to Andrew Rice. Six children were born to them, but all of them died in early life except Mrs. Anna Mumma, who survives. Mr. Rice died in 1885.

EMILY NEWCOMER RICE, daughter of Albert and Margaret Hitt Newcomer, was born in Maryville, Mo., May 31, 1871, and died in Mount Morris on April 7, 1929, aged nearly 58 years. She came to Mount Morris with her parents when an infant and lived her entire life in the village. She graduated from the local high school and Rockford College. She was an accomplished musician, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. In 1895, she was married to Joseph L. Rice. They had no children but left a foster daughter, Mrs. Margaret Glass. Mrs. Rice had three brothers, Morris H. Newcomer, Thomas E. Newcomer and Robert H. Newcomer. She was a niece of Robert R. Hitt.

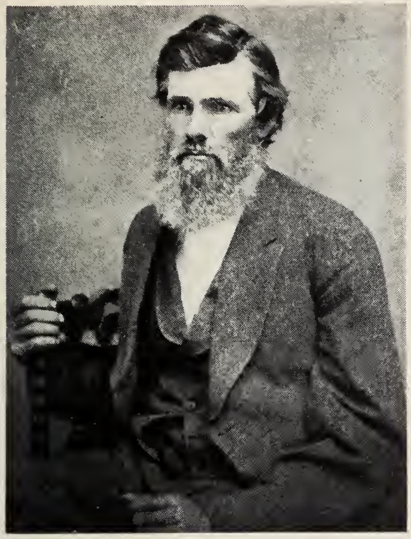
WILLIAM A. RICE, son of Jacob and Elizabeth A. Rice, was born near Adeline, Aug. 4, 1854, and died at his home several miles north of Mount Morris, June 2, 1933, aged 79 years. He attended the rural schools and Rock River Seminary from 1876 to 1878. He spent his entire life farming and never married. For many years he wrote the "Cross Road News" in the *Mount Morris Index*, under the name of "Timothy Bunker, Esq.," which attracted considerable attention. He was a grandson of Jacob Rice, early settler, who came to Mount Morris in 1837.

PROF. S. Z. SHARP (picture on page 146), was prominent in Mount Morris during the early days of Mount Morris College. He was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 21, 1835, and devoted his entire life to the teaching profession and also was a minister of the Brethren Church. He came to Mount Morris in 1881 and joined the faculty of Mount Morris College, which connection he continued until 1888, when he became president of McPherson College, at McPherson, Kans. Prof. Sharp was married in 1862 to Salome Zook and they had six children: Horace, Agnes, Grace, Anna (Mrs. Ben G. Davis), Theodore and Maurice.

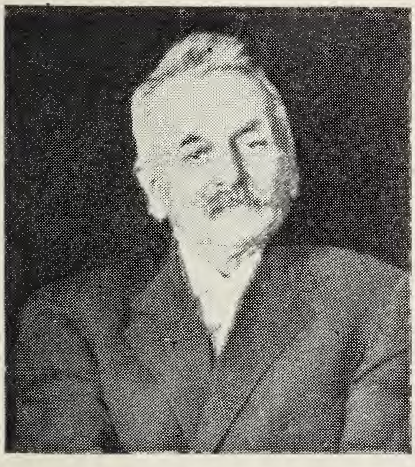


MARTIN T. ROHRER died January 11, 1911, aged nearly 84 years. He was born at Rohrersville, Md., June 9, 1827, and was married in 1853 to Margaret Avey. Shortly afterward they came west and engaged in farming near Mount Morris, and in 1865 they moved into town. He served as town clerk, justice of the peace and assessor at various times. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were born eight children: Lottie (Mrs. W. A. Newcomer), Georgia (Mrs. W. W. Hanes), Ella, Minnie, Samuel F., Martin T., Joseph H., and Maud L. (Mrs. John Rice). Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1903.

EMANUEL SLIFER, son of Jonathan and Lovenia (Avey) Slifer, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 21, 1848, and died in Mt. Morris, April 9, 1928, aged 79 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1872 and engaged in farming north of town until 1900, when he moved to town and engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1880, he married Martha Thomas, and two children were born: Elizabeth, who married Fred Watts, and Marcus. Mrs. Slifer died in 1906.

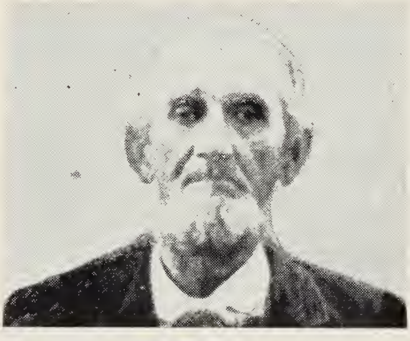


RICHARD SHAW died March 21, 1914, aged nearly 91 years. He was born May 4, 1823, at Centerville, Ohio, where he spent the early years of his life. In 1848, he married Emeline Wilson, and two years later went to California during the gold rush. In 1855, he came to Ogle County, and engaged in farming in this vicinity for many years. He had two sons, Oliver and Hiram, who drowned in Pine Creek in 1866.

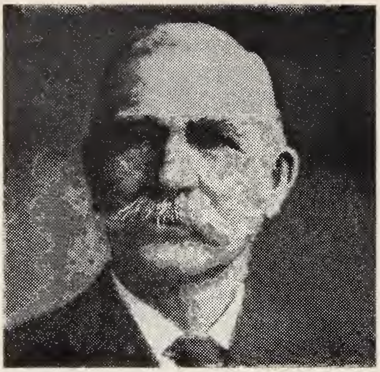


MELVIN P. SPIELMAN, son of Joseph and Lydia Spielman, was born March 24, 1843, at Williamsport, Md., and died in Mount Morris, Sept. 18, 1929, aged 86½ years. In 1863, he married Mary E. Newcomer, and in 1868 they settled on a farm near Mount Morris. They moved to town in 1895, and Mrs. Spielman died in 1920. Eleven children were born to them as follows: Mrs. Luther Lizer, Mrs. P. T. Sprecher, J. F. Spielman, Mrs. Arthur Nalley (died in 1937), Mrs. Dora Cronk, Oliver (died in 1918), Anna (died in 1920), Harvey and Clyde (died in infancy) and Lulu McDonald Sprecher.

FRANCIS W. STONEBRAKER died Nov. 10, 1906, at Hagerstown, Md., at the age of 73 years. He was born June 13, 1833, in Washington County, Md., and came to Mount Morris in 1852. He located on a farm one mile north of town and was married to Sophia Wagner in 1853. They had seven children, as follows: Laura (Mrs. John Tice), Florence (Mrs. Oliver Gloss), John, Daniel, Frank S., Mary (married Henry Donaldson and later Ed. Marvin), and Samuel. Mr. Stonebraker's first wife died in 1887 and he later married Mrs. Laura V. Mumma. For a number of years before his death he resided at Hagerstown, Md.



MICHAEL SWINGLEY was born in Washington County, Md., March 19, 1822. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swingley and came with his parents to Mount Morris in 1845. In 1854, he married Susan Welty, and they had two daughters, Mrs. Leroy Iler and Mrs. James Wilson. Mr. Swingley died Oct. 7, 1905, aged 83½ years.



JACOB O. THOMAS, son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Rice) Thomas, was born in Mount Morris Township, Feb. 28, 1846. He attended Rock River Seminary and purchased a farm of 320 acres which he cultivated until he retired and built a home in Mount Morris in 1901. Dec. 31, 1885, he was married to Eliza Jane Felker, and they had two children, a son, Harrison, who died at the age of 2½ years, and Mary, who married Gregor Thompson. Mr. Thomas died Jan. 9, 1926, aged nearly 80 years, and Mrs. Thomas died in 1913.

CHARLES D. SMITH, son of Stephen and Lydia (Wilkins) Smith, died January 19, 1915, at the age of 81 years. He was born at Mayfield, N.Y., December 17, 1834, and in 1852 he located in Mount Morris. He was married in 1854 to Sarah A. Knodle, and they had four daughters: Mary O. (Mrs. Chas. McNett), Viola (Mrs. Daniel Keedy), Jeannette (Mrs. Henry Lentz) and Rosa E., who died when six years old. His two sisters, Mrs. Mary McCoy and Mrs. Ira Marshall, were well-known Mount Morris ladies. Mr. Smith engaged in farming for a time and also at his trade of bricklayer and plasterer in partnership with A. M. Newcomer. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CHARLES E. SMITH, son of Theodore and Susan Smith, was born at Fairplay, Md., Nov. 5, 1865, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 10, 1925, aged 62 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1896 and worked as a farm hand and at the creamery at the south edge of town. Later he worked as plumber's assistant. In 1888, he was married to Flora Austin, and eight children were born to them, four of whom preceded him in death, Frank, Claude, Mamie and Herbert. Those remaining are Mrs. Harry Thomas, Mrs. Frank Reich, Mrs. James Grumstad and Robert.

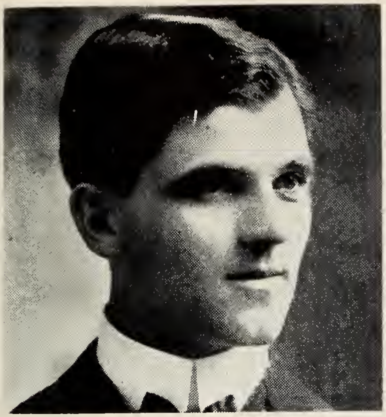
GEORGE SPRECHER died Dec. 13, 1907, at Zion City, Ill., at the age of nearly 73 years. He was the son of Philip T. and Catherine (Houke) Sprecher, and was born Jan. 30, 1835, near Williamsport, Md. He came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1839, at the age of four years. His life was spent in farming and carpenter work, and he resided here over sixty years. He moved to Zion City in 1902. Mr. Sprecher was married three times. In 1858, he married Eliza Patterson, and six children were born to them, four of whom preceded the father in death. Mrs. P. T. Sprecher was one of the daughters. His first wife died in 1866, and in 1868 he married Amanda A. Conaway, who lived nine years and left three sons, Oliver, Irvin and Bert. He was married a third time in 1880 to Almira Clingan. His sisters in Mount Morris were Mrs. George Windle and Mrs. Henry Moats and his brothers, John Sprecher and Daniel Sprecher.

PHILIP T. SPRECHER, son of Philip T. and Aletha Sprecher, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 10, 1846, and died in Mount Morris, April 19, 1924, aged over 77 years. He came to Mount Morris when he was 21 years old and engaged in farming for a number of years, then moved to town and was connected with the grocery business with various firms. He served the village for ten years as clerk and sixteen years as treasurer. He was married to Mary C. Sprecher (daughter of George Sprecher), in 1879 and three boys were born to them: Orval, born in 1882, and Howard and Harry, twins, born in 1884. Mrs. Sprecher died Jan. 25, 1927.

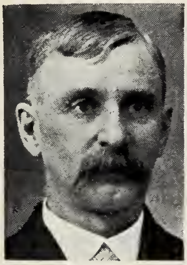
SAMUEL SPRECHER was born in Williamsport, Md., in June, 1860, and died in Mount Morris, July 5, 1935, aged 75 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1881, where he lived the remainder of his life. In 1893, he married Alice Keedy, and three children were born to them: Mrs. Ada Mitchell, Guy Sprecher and a son who died in infancy.

W. L. STINE, son of Frederick and Mary Stine, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 25, 1853, and died in Mount Morris Nov. 9, 1936, aged nearly 84 years. When a lad of 12 years, he witnessed the battle of Antietam. He came to Mount Morris in 1876 and engaged in farming in this vicinity except for ten years spent in Oklahoma. In 1879, he married Mary Jeannette Zellers, who died in 1926. There were five children: Ward (deceased), Ralph, Raymond, Mrs. Chas. Tice and Fanny.

CHARLES V. STONEBRAKER, son of Michael and Catherine (Coffman) Stonebraker, was born Feb. 9, 1851, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 31, 1928, aged nearly 77 years. He was born on the Stonebraker homestead, two miles north of Mount Morris, and spent his entire life in this vicinity. For many years he conducted a truck farm at the east edge of town. In 1874, he married Gussie O. Williams, and two children were born to them: Lee and Roy, the latter dying at the age of 11 years.



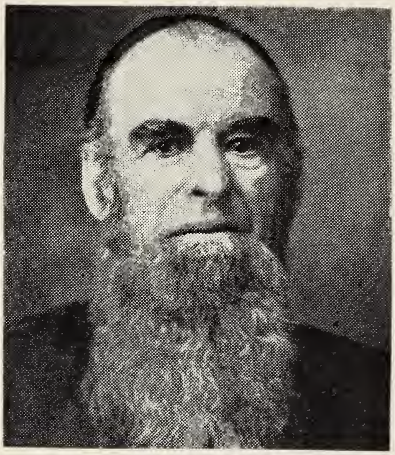
VIRGIL TRINE, a Mount Morris boy, son of Mrs. Ellen Trine, who met a tragic death, Feb. 9, 1903, at Pueblo, Colo., as a result of an accident in a steel plant. He was 28 years of age.



JOHN E. TICE died Nov. 17, 1916, aged nearly 60 years. He was born at Haldane, Ill., and was the son of Franklin N. and Catherine (Felker) Tice. He spent his early life on a farm near Forreston, and for many years he engaged in farming north of Mount Morris, later moving to town where he was associated with Wm. A. Newcomer in the grocery business in 1890, later selling out to J. Strock. In 1881, he married Laura M. Stonebraker, and they had two children, Chas. E. Tice and Mrs. Jesse Q. Allen. He served on the school board and the village board of trustees, and was also a director of Kable Brothers Company for a number of years.

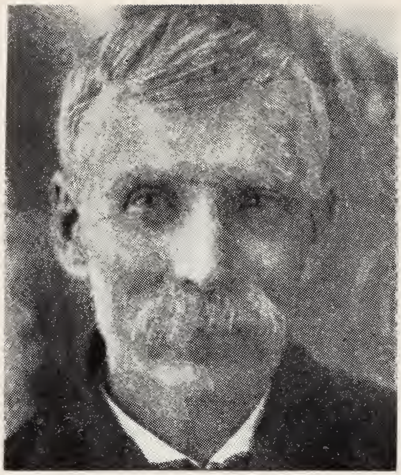
JAMES T. STEWART died June 4, 1904, aged 75 years. He was born near Ellicott's Mills, Md., May 25, 1829. He came to Mount Morris with his family in 1864, and lived here for forty years until his death. He was a carpenter by trade. In 1852, he married Laura E. Franks and they had four children: Anna V., Wm. H. Stewart, Mary E., Margaret L., and Edward A. Mrs. Stewart died in 1880, and in March, 1882, Mr. Stewart married Maggie Barrett.

MRS. SUSANNA THOMAS died Dec. 9, 1907, aged 91 years. Her maiden name was Susanna Rice, and she was one of the twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rice, who came to Mount Morris Township in 1837. She was the last surviving member of that pioneer family of seven sons and five daughters. She was born near Boonsboro, Md., August 24, 1816. She was married to Elias Thomas, who died in 1881. Five daughters were born to them, two of whom lived in Mount Morris, Mrs. David Emmert and Mrs. Chas. Gaffin.



LEWIS WALLACE, son of James and Sarah (Emmert) Wallace, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 13, 1843, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 26, 1920, aged 77 years. He lived continuously in Mount Morris Township for 75 years—first north of Maryland Station, where his parents settled in 1845, then on the home farm northwest of Mount Morris, and finally in the village in 1903. In 1866, he married Mary Long and they had four children, Nellie (Mrs. Hio Wehmeyer), Cleora (Mrs. J. B. Yohn), Eugene and Chilion. Mrs. Wallace was elected to the Brethren ministry in 1884, but never did a great deal of ministerial work.

CLEGGETT F. TICE, son of Franklin N. and Catherine (Felker) Tice, was born at Hagerstown, Md., March 15, 1852, and died March 28, 1922, aged 70 years. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1856, and remained a resident of this community for 66 years. He engaged in farming and for six years was road commissioner of Mount Morris Township. In 1874, he married Caroline E. Zaller and five children were born to them. Gertrude died at seven years of age, and Edith at 31 years. Three sons survive, Henry F., James B., and Maurice L. The mother passed away in May, 1927.



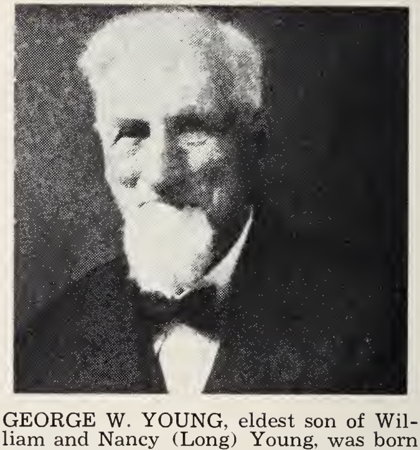
DANIEL W. YOUNG was born July 4, 1844, on the old homstead of his parents, William and Nancy (Long) Young, near Oregon, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 3, 1925, aged 80½ years. He engaged in farming in Rockvale Township for many years and retired to Mount Morris about 16 years before his death. In 1870, he was married to Ann Elizabeth Wagner, and five children were born to them: Mrs. Edith Keedy, Mrs. Noble Thomas, Charles W., Mrs. Nancy Gaffin and Alice W. Young, who died at the age of 16. Mr. and Mrs. Young celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 10, 1920. Mrs. Young passed away in July, 1931.

DANIEL THOMAS, son of Daniel and Margaret Thomas, was born August 23, 1829, near Keedysville, Md., and died in Mount Morris, Sept. 6, 1896, aged 67 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1869 and engaged in farming on his farm one-half mile south of town. Five years before his death he moved into town. He was married in 1855 to Susan M. Keedy and they had eight children: Millard M., Anne E., Cora B., Ernest, Edward, and three that died in infancy.

EPHRAIM P. TROSTLE was born at Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 15, 1850, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 4, 1930, aged 80 years. He grew to manhood at Frederick, Md., and at the age of 21 came to Franklin Grove, Ill., where he met and married Alice Wingert. In 1876, they moved to a farm northeast of Mount Morris, which became the family home until they moved to Mount Morris in 1900. He was elected to the Brethren ministry in 1889. He was survived by three children: Ernest, Mrs. Anna Long and Miss Eva Trostle. The mother died in May, 1927.

JOHN WELLER died Feb. 1, 1902, aged nearly 72 years. He was born near Martinsburg, W.Va., June 11, 1930, being the youngest of a large family of children. He married Anna C. Getzendaner Dec. 18, 1855, and they had four daughters. He located in Mount Morris in 1875, where he practiced law and other business.

GEORGE WINDLE died Jan. 31, 1920, aged 78 years. He was born Nov. 28, 1841, in Shenandoah County, Va., and came to Illinois with his parents, William and Mary (Kretsinger) Windle, at the age of 5. The family purchased a farm in Pine Creek Township, where they lived until the death of the father in 1879. Mr. Windle attended the public school and Rock River Seminary. In 1866, he married Mary E. Sprecher, daughter of Philip Sprecher, to whom six children were born; Elmer, who was accidentally killed in 1881, Thurlow who died in infancy, Mary K. Harnley, Addie W. Hendrickson, Orpha Bibler and Philip. In addition there was an adopted son, Clifford, who was reared as one of the family. Mr. Windle engaged in farming the greater part of his life, but on several occasions was engaged in mercantile business in Mount Morris, his first venture being in 1873. In 1901 he moved to town where the family continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Windle in May, 1914. Following this he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hendrickson, until his death in 1920.

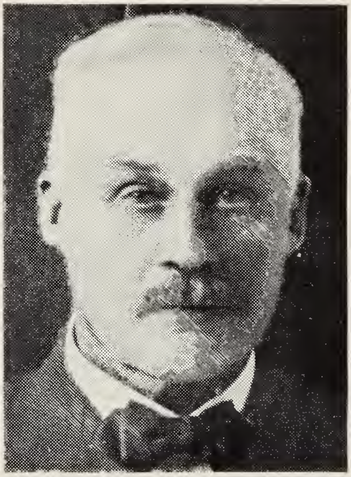


GEORGE W. YOUNG, eldest son of William and Nancy (Long) Young, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 20, 1841, and died at Mount Morris, July 14, 1932, aged 90½ years. At the age of one year, his parents moved to Illinois and settled on a farm several miles west of Oregon. He taught school for a number of years and in 1873 he married Mary Ellen Wagner, to whom seven children were born, four of whom survived: Joseph W., Mary Belle, Albert C., and Olin F. They retired from the farm and moved to Mount Morris in 1909. Mrs. Young passed away in November, 1932.

JOHN YETTER, son of John G. Yetter, was born Dec. 18, 1835, in Vollmersweiler, Germany, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 1, 1925, aged 89 years. He came to America in 1854 and settled at Hennepin, Ill. He married Magdalena Schoenholz in 1857 and in 1859 they moved to a farm in Willow Creek Township, near Steward. Mrs. Yetter died in 1899, and in 1912 Mr. Yetter came to Mount Morris to live with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Hough, who was the youngest of a family of nine children, all of whom were alive at the time of the death of the father.

ANN ELIZABETH (KNODLE) WINDERS was born in Washington County, Md., Nov. 4, 1832, and died in Mount Morris, Aug. 25, 1920, aged nearly 88 years. She came with her parents to Mount Morris in September, 1841, making the trip by team, which required six weeks. She lived her entire life in Mount Morris since 1841 and was one of the earliest settlers in the community. She married John Winders and they had four children: Bert, John, Elbert and Mrs. Kittie Price. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church for many years.

LAWRENCE L. WALLACE died Dec. 6, 1901, aged 77 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., in 1824, and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1845. In 1859 he married Elmira L. Leek and they had seven children.



CHRISTIAN A. ZUMDAHL was born in Mount Morris Township, Nov. 1, 1850, and died March 17, 1923, aged 72 years. He was the son of Christian H. and Dorothy Zumdahl, who were natives of Germany. By hard work and thrift he and his two brothers became extensive land owners west of Mount Morris. In 1882, he married Helen E. Timmer, and eight children were born to them. Three died in infancy and those who survived the father were Mrs. Susan Witzig, Mrs. Sadie Hammer, Mrs. Gladys Fridley, Charles W. and Alfred F. Mrs. Zumdahl died in July, 1937.

JOHN WOLF died June 7, 1920, aged 79 years. He was the second son of Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Wolfe, and was born near Hagerstown, Md., April 24, 1841. In 1842, when he was a year old, his family moved to a farm north of Mount Morris. He lived there until his marriage in 1869 to Mary Catherine Kerns, when they settled on a farm northwest of Mount Morris. Five children were born to them—Ernest Wolfe, Ida Wagner, Ella Hiteman, Elmer Wolfe and one child that died in infancy. They moved to Mount Morris in 1907 and Mrs. Wolfe died in 1917.

AUGUST H. ZUMDAHL, son of Christian and Dorothy Zumdahl, was born Aug. 7, 1866, near West Grove, and died Aug. 3, 1929, aged nearly 63 years. He spent his entire life farming near Mount Morris and was the last of three brothers of large stature to pass away. He was married in 1896 to Miss Anna Drake, and five children were born: Clara, Elmer, John, Ervin and William. The mother died in 1914.

NATHANIEL A. WATTS, son of William and Anne Watts, was born on the family homestead south of Mount Morris, Feb. 20, 1853, and died Feb. 6, 1934, aged nearly 81 years. He was the second son of a family of 11 children. He devoted the active years of his life to farming and moved to Mount Morris in 1909. He married Miss Victoria Weller in 1891 and she died in 1925. They had no children.

CARLTON E. WOLF died March 15, 1918, aged nearly 61 years. He was the son of Jacob and Mary Wolf and was born in Washington County, Md., August 5, 1857. He came west in 1882 and engaged in farming south of Mount Morris until eleven years previous to his death, when he moved to town. In 1884, he was married to Ella Fridley, and they had two children, Ada (Mrs. Orion Huffington) and Emmert J. Wolf.

DANIEL ZELLERS died June 25, aged 88 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., April 12, 1818, and in 1843 was married to Mary Long. To them were born nine children—David, Daniel, Martin, Mrs. Lewis Stine, Mrs. Henry Rowe, and four who died previous to the father. Mr. Zellers came west with his bride in 1844, coming by team and locating in Rockvale Township. Later he purchased a farm in Mount Morris Township, where he lived for many years, then moved to Mount Morris to spend his remaining years. Mrs. Zellers died in October, 1895.

FREDERICK ZUMDAHL, son of Christian and Dorothy Zumdahl, was born at West Grove, northwest of Mount Morris, Sept. 21, 1859, and died at his home in Mount Morris, April 5, 1920, aged 60½ years. He engaged in farming west of town for many years and then moved to town. In 1886, he married Elizabeth Drake and they had six children—William, who died at the age of three, Mrs. Anna Newcomer, Edward C., Laura Elizabeth, Emma Ruth and Iva Mabel. Mrs. Zumdahl passed away in July, 1931.

HENRY MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Middlekauff, was born in Washington County, Md., May 28, 1823, and came to Ogle County in 1846. In 1848, he married Elizabeth Thomas. They had seven children as follows: Martha A., Chas. C., Alfred C., Austin, Minnie, Seymour and Fred. Mr. Middlekauff was a farmer by occupation. He passed away August, 1887, and Mrs. Middlekauff died in December, 1896.

MOUNT MORRIS Township has furnished competent men, not only for the administration of her own affairs, but also has sent many of her prominent citizens to fill places of trust in the county government; a number have been elected to seats in the General Assembly of Illinois; and one has entered the halls of Congress, where he acquired a nationwide reputation. A list of these men who represented Mount Morris in various capacities follows:

Member House of Representatives—Hon. Robert R. Hitt.

Illinois State Senate--Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney, 25th and 26th General Assemblies; Isaac Rice, 32nd and 33rd General Assemblies.

Illinois House of Representatives—Samuel M. Hitt, 14th General Assembly; Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney, 19th, 20th and 24th General Assemblies; Dr. Francis A. McNeill, 22nd General Assembly; Isaac Rice, 28th and 29th General Assemblies; Franklin N. Tice, 30th and 31st General Assemblies.

Sheriffs of Ogle County—Elias Baker, 1853 and 1854; Charles Newcomer, 1855 and 1856; Frederick G. Petrie, 1859 and 1860.

County Judge—James M. Webb.

County Surveyors—Joshua Rice, 1843-'45; A. Quinby Allen, 1857-'58 and 1861-'76; Fred N. Rice.

County Superintendents of Schools—Eldridge W. Little, 1859-'62; Joseph M. Piper, 1888-1902.

County Coroner—Dr. W. W. Hanes, 1892-1898.

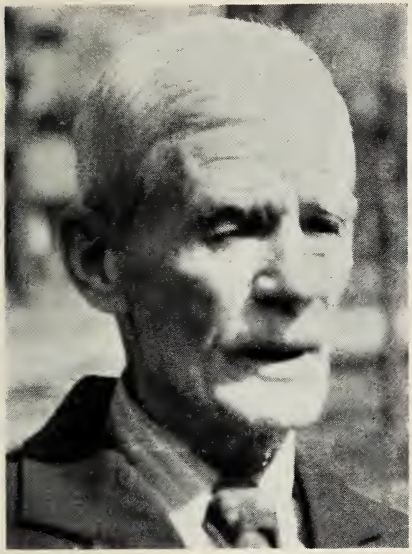
County Commissioners—Henry Hiestand, 1845-1846.

Members Constitutional Convention—Daniel J. Pinckney, 1848; Charles Newcomer, 1862.

Chapter 19

MISCELLANEOUS BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES

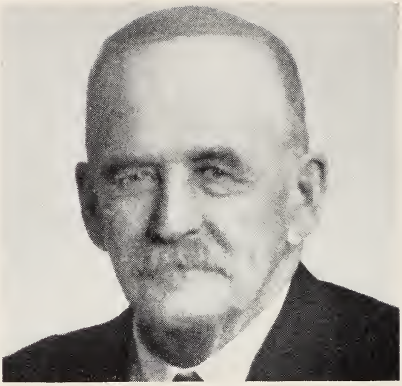
This chapter contains a variety of material which could not be classified under any of the other nineteen chapters. It contains pictures and biographies of a few local people and a number of sketches of former Mount Morris people who have moved to other localities and attained success in their fields of endeavor. The chapter also contains a miscellaneous lot of local pictures, both new and old, which should be of interest.



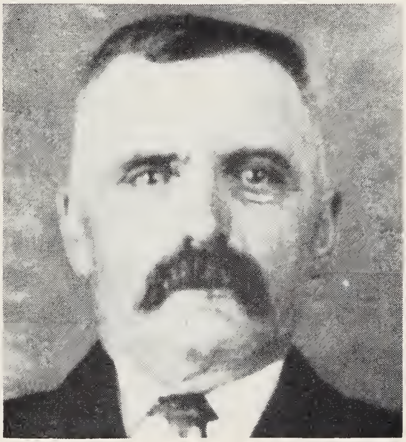
MILLARD FILMORE BLAKE is one of Mount Morris's oldest citizens. He is the son of William and Katherine (Gearhart) Blake, and was born at Hagerstown, Md., March 24, 1855. He came to Mount Morris in 1869 with his parents and attended the local school and Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming until 1885, when he went to Gurney, Kans., where he was appointed postmaster in 1888. He returned to Mount Morris in 1892 and, except for four years spent in California, he has spent the remaining years here, farming and carpentering. He now operates a lawn mower repair shop. In 1879, he married Eugenia Angel, and they had seven children: Lillian L. (deceased), Lela (Mrs. Clarence Hammel), Ruby (Mrs. Herzfeldt), Guy (deceased), Galen, Willis (deceased), Errett, Hugh and Ralph. The mother died in 1896. Mr. Blake is an active member of the local Christian Church.

JOSIAH AVEY is the oldest person living in Mount Morris in 1938. He was the son of George and Nancy (Wheeler) Avey and was born at Boonesboro, Md., Jan. 15, 1845. His parents journeyed overland to Ogle County in the fall of 1845, when he was less than a year old, and settled four miles west of Mount Morris. This farm was later owned by Thomas O. Watts. Mr. Avey remained on the home farm until he was of age and after his marriage purchased a farm of 160 acres on Pine Creek, southwest of Mount Morris, which he farmed for many years, until he retired to Mount Morris in 1904. In 1873, he married Ann Elizabeth Bovey, daughter of Michael Bovey, and they lived together for over 60 years. They have one son, Benjamin E., with whom the father is passing his closing years. He has passed his 93rd birthday. The mother died in March, 1936.

PHILIP T. SPRECHER is one of the oldest residents of Mount Morris. He was born in a log cabin near Mount Morris, May 25, 1847. He is the son of Daniel and Barbara (Coffman) Sprecher. His grandfather, Philip Sprecher, came from the



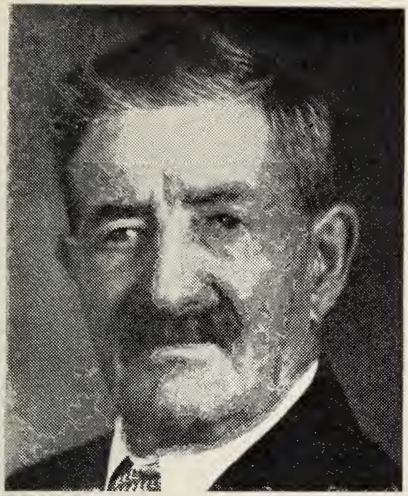
east on horseback in 1837 and made a claim of the land now known as the "Moats" farm east of town. His father, Daniel Sprecher, came to Mount Morris in 1838 and he built the first elevator in Mount Morris, known as the Sprecher-Clevidence elevator. The subject of this sketch attended the country school north of Mount Morris and also attended Rock River Seminary in 1865. He resided in Missouri from 1869 to 1871 and was in the lumber business in Mount Morris until 1881, when he moved to Leaf River. He moved back to Mount Morris to retire in 1901. He is a member of the Christian Church and has always voted the Prohibition ticket. He was first married in 1876 to Susan Newcomer and they had four children: Edward, Mary, Elizabeth and Willis A. Mrs. Sprecher passed away July 15, 1908, and he married again in 1913 to Mrs. Nettie Spielman Slifer.



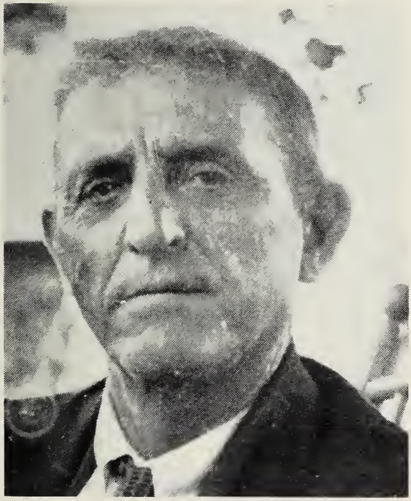
FRED HILGER, son of Jacob and Appelonia (Dieterich) Hilger, was born on the Hilger homestead just south of town, on March 17, 1859. He attended the Mount Morris public school and has been engaged in farming since 1888. He owns 140 acres of fine farm land, equipped with modern buildings. He has operated a threshing outfit each harvest season continuously for 58 years, first with horsepower and then with steam engines. Mr. Hilger was married in 1891 to Hannah Berge and they have four children: Frank, Lillie (Mrs. Maurice Tice), Fred, and Bessie (Mrs. Vern A. Laver).

MR. AND MRS. HARRY CUSHING, respected citizens of Mount Morris for many years. Mr. Cushing was the son of D. S. and Amanda (Woodbury) Cushing and was born Sept. 1, 1862, at Grand Detour, Ill. Mrs. Cushing, who was Miss Lillie Farwell, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Farwell, and she married Mr. Cushing in 1887. She was a teacher in the public school before her marriage. They had two children: Chas. F. (deceased) and Helen (Mrs. Otis Helfrich). Mr. Cushing attended the public school at Grand Detour and took a commercial course at Mount Morris College. Since that time he has traveled continuously for fifty-four years for the Supplee-Biddle Hardware Co. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity longer than any member now living in Mount Morris. Mr. Cushing's father came from Bethel, Vt., by wagon and boat, arriving at Grand Detour in 1838. He and George Cushing established a grain cradle business, making everything by hand, including the scythe blades.

WILLIAM FRISBY KEPLINGER, son of David and Catherine Snyder Keplinger, was born July 4, 1849, near Keedysville, Md. He lived near the Antietam battlefield and has a keen recollection of Civil War days, especially the battle of Antietam and John Brown's raid. He gave President Lincoln a drink of water at his home when he came to the battlefield. Mr. Keplinger came to Ogle County in 1869, first to Polo and then to Mount Morris. He started working for the Braytons



in 1881 and served three generations of Braytons on their fruit farm. In 1871, he married Fannie M. Hedrick, and they had seven children, as follows: Alice, Jennie, David, William Porter, Amy Irene, Mabel, and Evelyn Marie (Mrs. Paul Barnhizer). All of the children have passed away except Mrs. Barnhizer. The mother died in December, 1914.



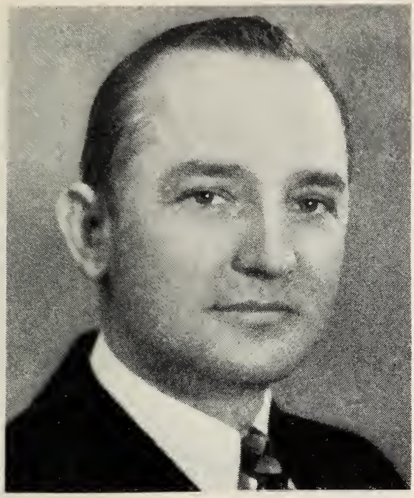
FRANK S. STONEBRAKER has been a resident of Mount Morris Township for over 74 years. He was the son of Francis W. and Sophia (Wagner) Stonebraker and was born in Mount Morris in 1864. His entire life has been spent on the farm just north of Mount Morris on which his father settled in 1852. He was married in 1899 to Mary Slifer and they have six children: Ray, Hale H., Mable (Mrs. John Bennett), Frank, Ethel (Mrs. Carl Rothlind) and Lester.

BEN G. DAVIS, who spent his boyhood in Mount Morris, made an enviable record in government service in Washington. He was the son of Solomon E. and Rebecca (Fletcher) Davis and was born at Shannon, Ill., May 24, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Mount Morris and Lincoln, Ill., and at Mount Morris College and Carthage College. He worked at the printing business a short time in Omaha. He was appointed clerk in the War Department at Washington and made rapid advancement under civil service. He served 12 years in the militia of the District of Columbia, being on the commanding general's staff the latter part of the term. He served as secretary to Hon. William Jennings Bryan during Mr. Bryan's service in Congress, his three campaigns for president and his term as Secretary of State under President Wilson. He served as Chief Clerk of the Department of State for 12 years, including the period of the World War. He was appointed in the diplomatic service of the United States and assigned to the American Embassy in Havana, Cuba, from which he resigned and returned to Washington, D.C., to enter the banking business. He resides in Tacoma Park, where he has served three terms as mayor. Mr. Davis married Annie Laurie Sharp, a Mount Morris girl, daughter of Prof. S. Z. Sharp, and they had ten children as follows: Maurice V., Hugh M., Dorothy S. (married Harold D. Ross), Bryan, Lowell F., Theodore D., Benj. G., Mary E. (married J. Pridmore Prugh), Marjorie and Roderic F.

RALPH WALDO TRINE is a Mount Morris boy who became famous as an author. One book, probably the most widely known, "In Tune with the Infinite," has been translated into probably a dozen languages and hundreds of thousands of copies have been sold. Other books that have had a wide sale are "What all the World's A-Seeking," "The Greatest Thing Ever Known" and "Every Living Creature." Mr. Trine was the son of Samuel G. and Ellen (Newcomer) Trine and was born in Mount Morris Sept. 9, 1866. He began work as a wood-chopper and farm laborer, then student, bank cashier, teacher, lecturer and author. He graduated from Knox College in 1891 and later from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Trine married Miss Grace Hyde of New York and they have one son. They lived in New York for many years but are now residents of Hollywood, Calif.

REV. ARTHUR D. KLONTZ is a Mount Morris boy who has made a great success in the ministry. For nine years he has been pastor of the Austin (Ill.) Methodist Episcopal Church which has a membership of over 3,000 members. He has just been appointed pastor of the Boulevard Temple Methodist Church of Detroit, Mich. This church has a property which cost over a million dollars, and is one of the finest in America. Rev. Klontz is the son of James B. and Julia (Hjortas) Klontz and was born July 31, 1885, at Waddams Grove, Ill. He graduated from Mount Morris College in 1905, which institution granted him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1929. He was ordained in the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1912 and has held pastorates at Council Hill, Hanover, Poplar Grove, Polo, Chicago and now at Austin. Rev. Klontz married a Mount Morris girl, Blanche Householder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Householder, and they have two children, Kenneth V. and Maxine A. (Mrs. Ward Solberg).

CHAS. H. KELTNER is the son of Peter R. and Della (Bowman) Keltner and was born Sept. 8, 1879, at Mt. Carroll, Ill. The family moved to Mount Morris and Charles attended the local school and Mount Morris College. Later he attended the University of Illinois and graduated with the A. B. degree in 1910. He taught rural schools for three years, and three years in the Maryland Collegiate Institute at Union Bridge, Md. From 1910 to 1915 he was the head of the department of agriculture of Mount Morris College and also held a similar position at the State Teachers' College at DeKalb, Ill. For 17 years he was Winnebago County Farm Advisor with headquarters at Rockford. He is now director of agricultural service of Station WROK at Rockford. In 1902, Mr. Keltner married Lillie E. Weller of Mount Morris and they have seven children: Ralph W., Katherine M. (married P. E. Chappel), Robert H., Charles R., John D., Paul R. and George M.



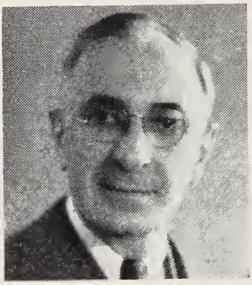
HUGH S. BONAR is a former Mount Morris boy who has made good in a big way in the field of education. He is the son of Jacob and Olive (Hedrick) Bonar and was born at Mount Morris, Sept. 7, 1894. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1911 and from Mount Morris College in 1918. He is also a post graduate of the University of Chicago. He was honored by being elected president of his class in 1918, business manager of the College Year Book, college orator in the state oratorical contest and president of the Amphictyon Literary Society. In the World War, he enlisted in April, 1918, and served as a member of Co. A, 311th Field Signal Battalion, Black Hawk Division, until February, 1919, the last five months overseas. He has written extensively for educational journals and served as an executive in numerous teachers' organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, an active Kiwanian, and prominent in Boy Scout work. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren. He has been a teacher and school executive for 21 years and has been superintendent of schools at Manitowoc, Wis., since 1927. Prof. Bonar married Mabel A. Miller (graduate of Mount Morris College, 1919) and they have a family of four children: Hugh Jr., Barbara, Patricia and Daniel. His father has been a prominent farmer in Mount Morris and Pine Creek Townships for nearly 50 years.

OREN L. CLAPPER, son of Ludwick and Malinda (Himes) Clapper, was born Sept. 20, 1879, at Blountsville, Ind. He attended Mount Morris College and then entered the Boston Theological School, transferring to the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, where he graduated in 1908. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and has served pastorates in a dozen towns, and is now located at Ogden, Ill. Mr. Clapper married Myrtle Smith in 1907, and they have four children: Leroy W., Maurine L., Raymond M. and Marvin W. Mr. Clapper's mother died in Mount Morris in 1903 and his father in 1920. He has one brother, J. E. Clapper, who lives in Mount Morris.

ROSCOE C. CLARK is a Mount Morris boy who left his native town and has made good in the lumber business. He is the son of Holly C. and Josephine (Stroh) Clark and was born in Mount Morris, Jan. 31, 1876. He attended school in Mount Morris and is now a resident of LaGrange, Ill. He is a member of all Masonic bodies, including the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Consistory and Shrine. At present he is Deputy Grand Master of the 17th District of Illinois and Grand Lecturer Emeritus. Mr. Clark was married in 1897 to Mabel Van Patten and they have a son, Robert Scott Clark.

LLOYD HOLSINGER is a Mount Morris boy who has been successful in the field of education. He was the son of Levi R. and Mary (Grossnickle) Holsinger and was born in Mount Morris, Oct. 7, 1884. He attended Mount Morris College, the University of Michigan (B. A. degree) and Northwestern University (M. A. degree). He taught at the Polytechnic Institute in 1907-1908, Evanston Academy from 1908 to 1917, and from 1917 to 1938 has been at the Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minn. Prof. Holsinger was married in 1907 to Miss Verna Price and they have three daughters, Judith Victoria (married Dr. E. Dillon Smith), Helen Elizabeth and Verna Virginia.

LURA NEFF CHAMBERS, daughter of Addison W. Neff, was prominent in musical circles in Mount Morris some years ago. She attended the Chicago Musical College and the American Conservatory of Music. She was the head of the music department of Mount Morris College for a number of years as instructor of piano and voice. She has resided in Vancouver, British Columbia, since 1912, where she is prominent in social and club circles.



SIDNEY J. HESS, county clerk of Ogle County, now living in Oregon, was born in Leaf River Township, June 1, 1870, but was raised and educated in Mount Morris. He was the son of Willoughby and Mary Ellen (Rinehart) Hess. He attended the local public school and graduated from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. For a period he conducted a restaurant in Mount Morris and also served as township collector from 1898 to 1905. He was elected county clerk in 1918. In 1923, Mr. Hess married Regina E. Schramm and they have one son, Sidney John.

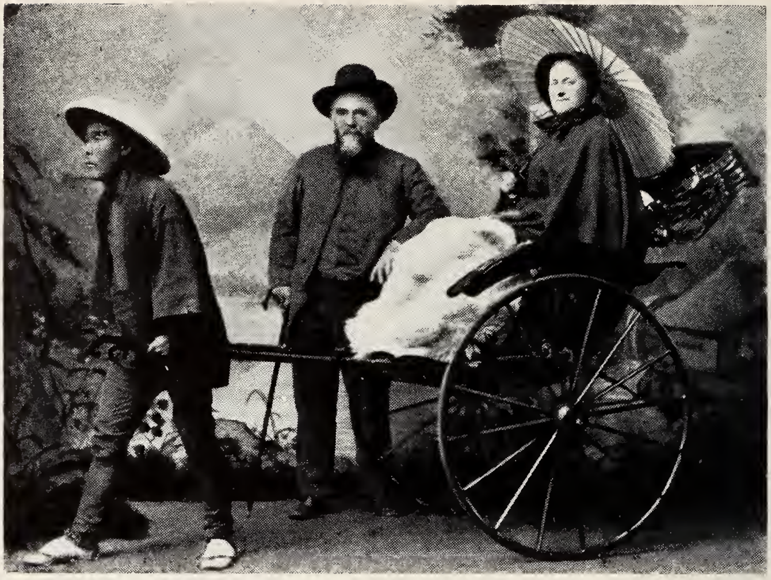
DR. CARL O. OLSON is a Mount Morris boy who has made good at his chosen profession as dentist. He is the son of August T. and Dina (Gifford) Olson and was born August 2, 1885, at Mt. Carroll, Ill. He attended the Mt. Carroll and Mount Morris public schools and Mount Morris College. He took instruction in voice and was private secretary of Carrie Jacobs Bond for one year. He was in the Indian service in South Dakota for three years, and graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1914. He has practiced dentistry in Rockford for the past 22 years. He and family are members of the Episcopal Church and Dr. Olson is a member of the Masons, Shrine, Elks and Kiwanis. He is an accomplished cornetist and before leaving Mount Morris was a member of the local band. In Rockford he was director of the Shrine Band for eight years and director of music in the Kiwanis Club. Dr. Olson married Goldie B. House in 1913 and they have two children: Margaret (Mrs. Donald Kelly) and Jeane Ellen.

FLOYD E. OLSON, who is now a licensed emblamer and funeral director at Joliet, Ill., was born at Mt. Carroll, Feb. 27, 1892, and moved to Mount Morris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Olson. He attended the Mount Morris public schools and also attended Mount Morris College, graduating from the business course in 1910. In 1927, he entered Worsham's Embalming College in Chicago, and in March, 1928, went into business in Joliet, which he is now conducting. He is active in the Joliet Kiwanis Club and is president of the John Eric-

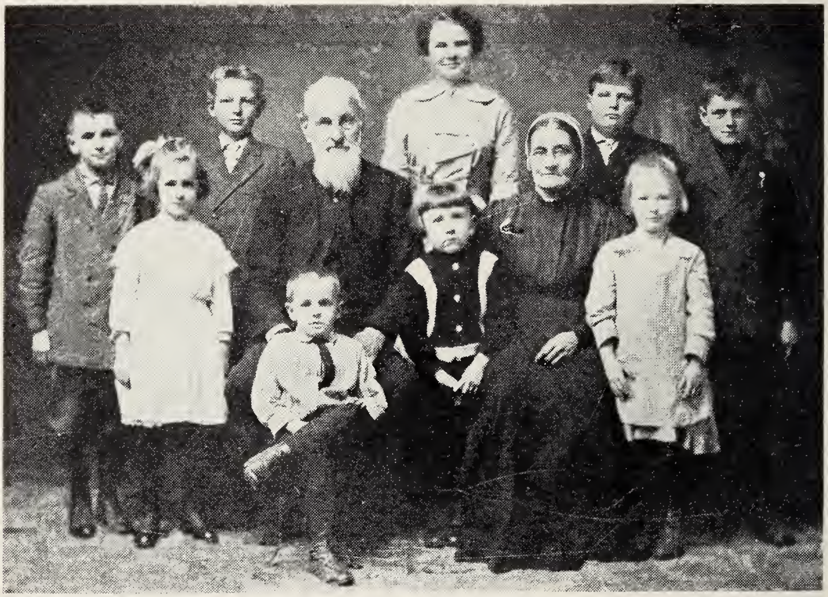
son League of Illinois, which has a large Swedish membership. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. On December 23, 1912, Mr. Olson married Mabel V. Middlekauff and they have one daughter, Rogene.

OLIVER L. SPRECHER is the son of George and Amanda (Conaway) Sprecher and was born Nov. 18, 1872, on the family farm home located 1½ miles northeast of Mount Morris. He graduated from the public school in Mount Morris in 1888. There were only three in the class, the others being Nettie Kinsey (died in 1889) and Ada Mumma (Mrs. Oliver Watts). He attended Mount Morris College and graduated from the commercial department in 1893. Later he served for ten years as private secretary of John Alexander Dowie at Zion City, Ill., and for thirteen years in the paymaster's office of the Nash Motors Company at Kenosha, Wis. Mr. Spreacher has been connected with the original Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion since the day it was organized in Chicago, Feb. 22, 1896. At present he is living and employed in Zion City, his address being 2219 Gideon Ave. He was married in 1898 to Hannah Tronsen and they have five children: Paul Dowie, Olive Lois (Mrs. Joseph Weil), June Rose (Mrs. Arthur Friend), Theodore A. (deceased), and Ruth (Mrs. Clarence Couper).

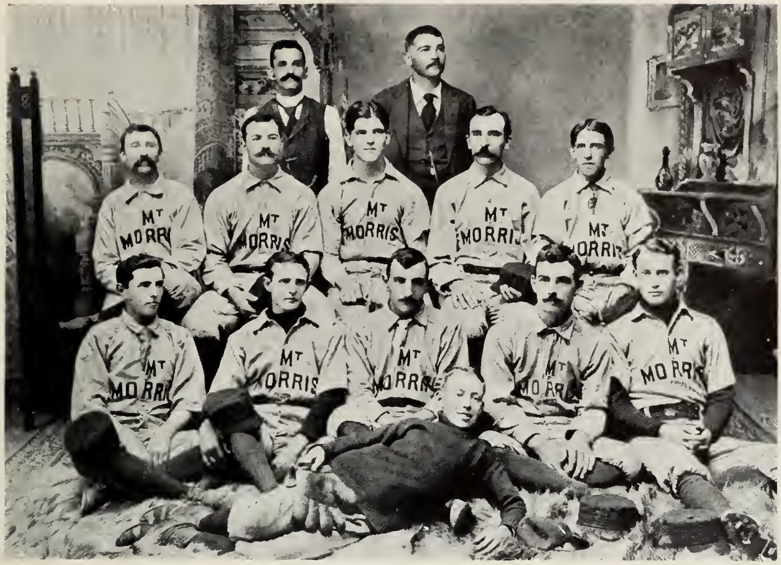
MR. AND MRS. JOHN D. MILLER celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1935. Mr. Miller, who has been a life-long resident and business man in Mount Morris, is the son of Upton and Maria (Davis) Miller and was born in Mount Morris, October 26, 1858. He attended the Mount Morris Public School and worked on a farm for a number of years. He learned telegraphy in 1881 and worked as operator for seven or eight years on the Burlington, five of which were in Mount Morris. In about 1890, he purchased the harness shop of Wm. Cushing, which he operated for 13 years, and then sold it to Fred L. Watts. He then purchased the farm south of Mount Morris now owned by the Poultry Tribune and conducted a retail dairy business in Mount Morris for a number of years. After a period of 25 years, he sold the farm to J. W. Watt and purchased the Fred Watts home in Mount Morris where he is living a retired life. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and the Modern Woodmen. He was married in 1885 to Carrie E. Stone and they had six children, three of whom died in infancy. The other three were Dale E. (died 1932), Harvey L. and Wilbur C.



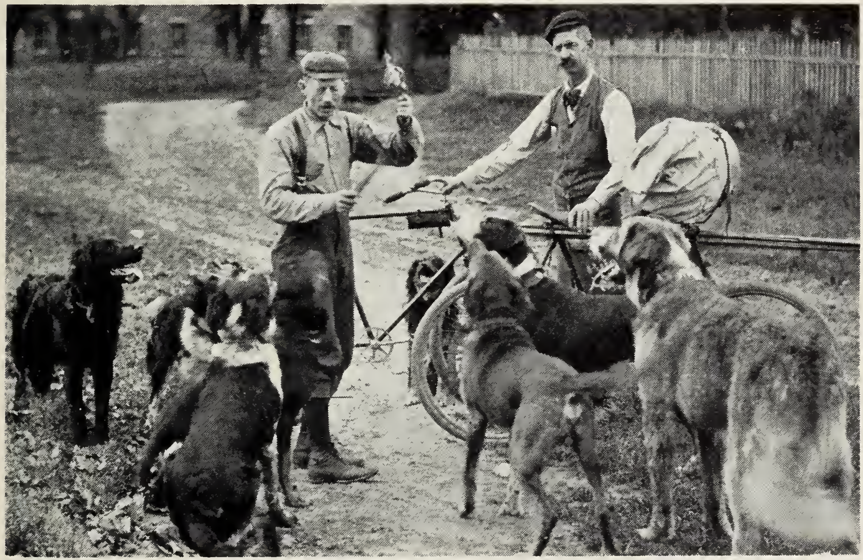
ELDER D. L. MILLER was probably Mount Morris's most experienced traveler. He made seven trips abroad, including two trips around the world. Mrs. Miller accompanied him on five of these trips. The above picture was taken in Japan during their world tour of 1904-1906.



THIS PICTURE was taken on the occasion of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby Felker, on Dec. 22, 1918. The grandchildren in the picture are Mrs. Hugh Blake, Paul and Harold Felker, Willoughby Long, Hugh Felker, Emmerson Long, Mildred Felker, Jeanette Watts and Marshall McNeel. Mr. Felker died Dec. 17, 1922, aged nearly 79 years, and Mrs. Felker died Dec. 27, 1919, aged nearly 74 years.



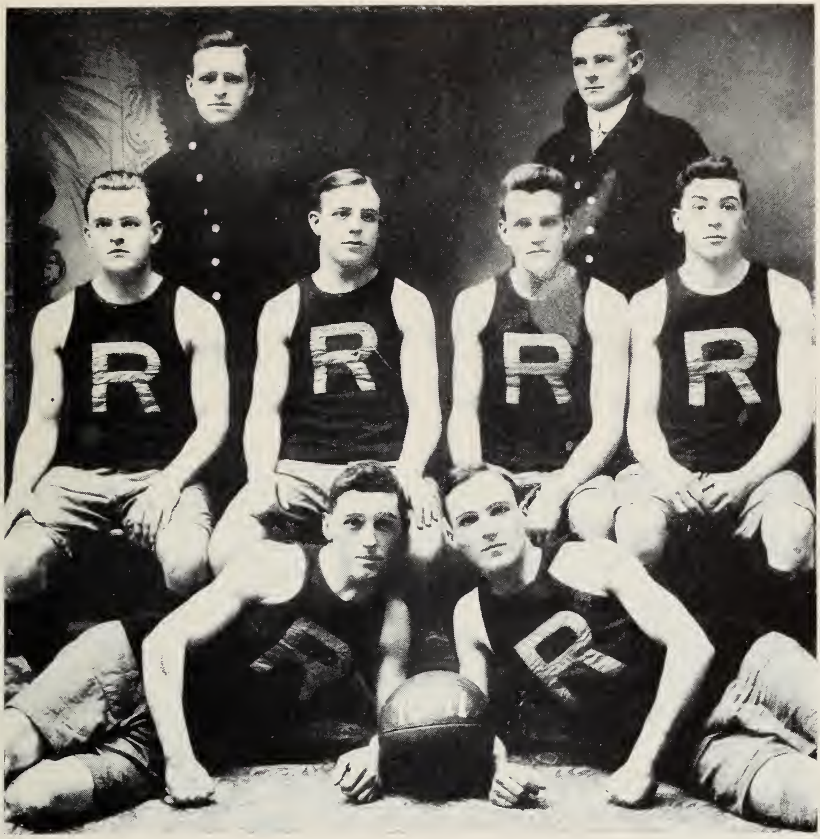
MOUNT MORRIS BASEBALL TEAM of 1895, which played in the Tri-County League with Polo, Oregon, Lanark and Dixon. They lost the championship in a tie game with Dixon. From left to right, front row, Howard Newcomer, Carl Cheney, Howard Withers, Wm. Householder, Bert Thomas; second row, Frank Marshall, Morris Newcomer, Virgil Trine, John Rice, Chas. Ford; at rear, Jacob Strock, manager; Wm. Keedy, umpire; lying in front, Roy Brayton, mascot.



OLDER CITIZENS will remember Robert Allen, brother of E. J. Allen, who started for the Klondike goldfields with the equipment shown in this picture. The plan was to go as far as possible on bicycles and the dogs were to be trained to draw a sledge in the north country. Mr. Allen is shown on the right and the man on the left was from Chicago. They got only as far as the State of Washington on their trip.

THIS FOOTBALL TEAM, known as the Mount Morris Athletic Club, played a schedule of games in the fall of 1914. Those in the picture are, from left to right, top row, Charley Unger, Fred Hilger, Edward Allen, Mac McCosh, Paul Holsinger; second row, Glenn Unger, Earl Allen, Orville Diehl, Ralph Mahoy; bottom row, Jesse Smith, Paul Martin, Carl Withers, Harold Ross, Boyd Grush.

THIS BASKETBALL team was an independent organization which played the season of 1914-1915. Those in the picture are, from left to right, standing, Forrest Shaw, Wentworth Sharer (coach), Raymond Stouffer; sitting, Paul Holsinger, Eugene Mishler, Fred Hilger, Max Mishler, Ralph Mahoy.



THE "REGULARS" was the name of the above basketball team which made quite a record during the 1910-1911 season. Those in the picture are from left to right: First row, Roy Baker, Max Sharer; middle row, Wentworth Sharer, John Donaldson, Perley Rees, Ray Baker; at top, Vernon Rees, manager, and Clifford Miller, referee.

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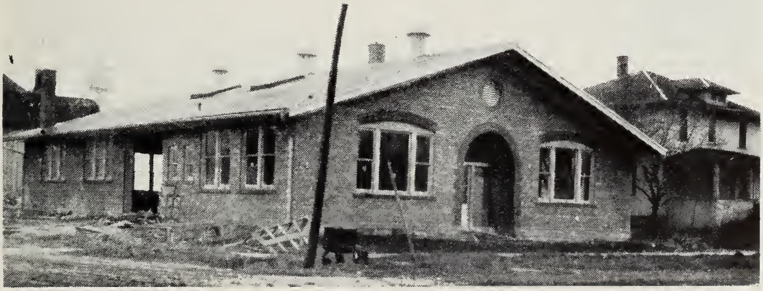


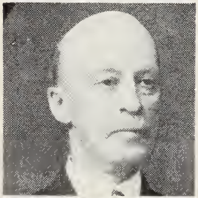
THIS building, located on the corner of Hitt and Clark Sts., was built by Boyd Stouffer for a baby chick hatchery and is now occupied by the Home Service Laundry operated by Ernest Lundin.

SIX GENERATIONS OF THE BRAYTON FAMILY

The name Brayton has been prominent in business and social circles in Mount Morris since 1841. The fine Brayton home in the southeast end of town has for many years been one of the show places in the village.

REV. DANIEL BRAYTON came to Mount Morris in 1841 and opened the first store in Mount Morris. He was a Methodist minister and came here from the State of New York. He passed away June 30, 1851. He had a family of four children.

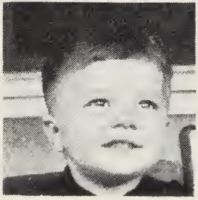
FREDERICK B. BRAYTON, son of Rev. Daniel Brayton, came to Mount Morris with his father in 1841 and they opened the first store in Mount Morris. After his father's death he continued the business. Mr. Brayton was born in New York State in 1818 and died in Mount Morris in 1897. He had a family of five children.



ARTHUR W. BRAYTON, of the third generation of Braytons, was the son of Frederick B. Brayton and was born in Mount Morris Jan. 7, 1847. He was associated with his father in business and carried on the business after the father's death. He died Jan. 19, 1922, aged 75 years. He had a family of three children.

LOUIS FREDERICK BRAYTON, fourth generation, was the son of Arthur W. and Harriet Brayton, and was born April 19, 1877, in Mount Morris. He graduated from the University of Illinois, and became a structural engineer. He married Grace Benjamin and they have two sons, Bruce and Louis Frederick, Jr.

LOUIS FREDERICK BRAYTON, Jr., fifth generation, is the son of Louis F. and Grace Brayton, and was born Nov. 20, 1909. He married Flora Heft and they have two sons, Robert Frederick and Donald Bruce. They are residents of Detroit.



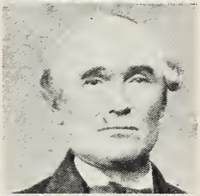
ROBERT FREDERICK BRAYTON, sixth generation, is the son of Louis F., Jr., and Flora Brayton, and was born June 3, 1936. He lives with his parents at Detroit, Mich.

SIX GENERATIONS OF THE THOMAS FAMILY

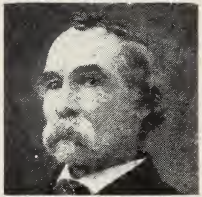
The name Thomas has been prominent in Mount Morris and vicinity from the earliest pioneer days and a record of six generations of this family is given here.

HENRY THOMAS brought his large family to Mount Morris about the year 1840 and took up a large claim about three miles northeast of Mount Morris. He was born in 1783 and was married in 1808 to Catherine Schechter. They had nine children: Susan (Mrs. John Huffman), Joshua, Elias, Ezra, Abraham, Ruana (Mrs. David Newcomer), Julia Ann (Mrs. Simon Geeting), Samuel, Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Middlekauff). Mr. Thomas died in 1863 and Mrs. Thomas in 1864.

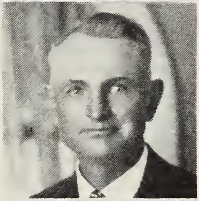
JOSHUA THOMAS, son of Henry and Catherine Thomas, was married twice, first to Salina Landes, and their children were Permelia (who married Robert S. Hitt), Mary Catherine Funk, Henry L., Louis and John. In 1850 Mr. Thomas joined the gold rush to California where he remained two years. In 1862, he married Susan Felker and they had two children, Lee and Frank. The family home is three miles east of Mount Morris.



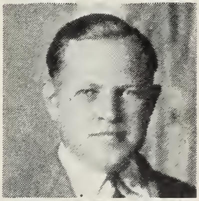
HENRY L. THOMAS, of the third generation, came to Mount Morris with his father, Joshua Thomas, when he was but two years of age and lived his entire remaining years of 86 years in or near Mount Morris. He married Mary Ellen Felker and they had nine children: Lillie, Ada, Nellie, Edgar, Florence, Chas. H., Fred H., Kathryn and Noble F. Mr. Thomas died in 1927 and Mrs. Thomas in 1928.



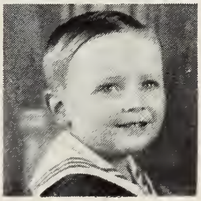
NOBLE F. THOMAS, of the fourth generation, is the son of Henry L. and Mary Ellen Thomas and was born Dec. 12, 1872, near Mount Morris. He married Susan Young and they have three children: Worthington, Alice (Mrs. Hennebach) and Marion (Mrs. Chester Helland). The family retired from farming and are now living in Mount Morris.

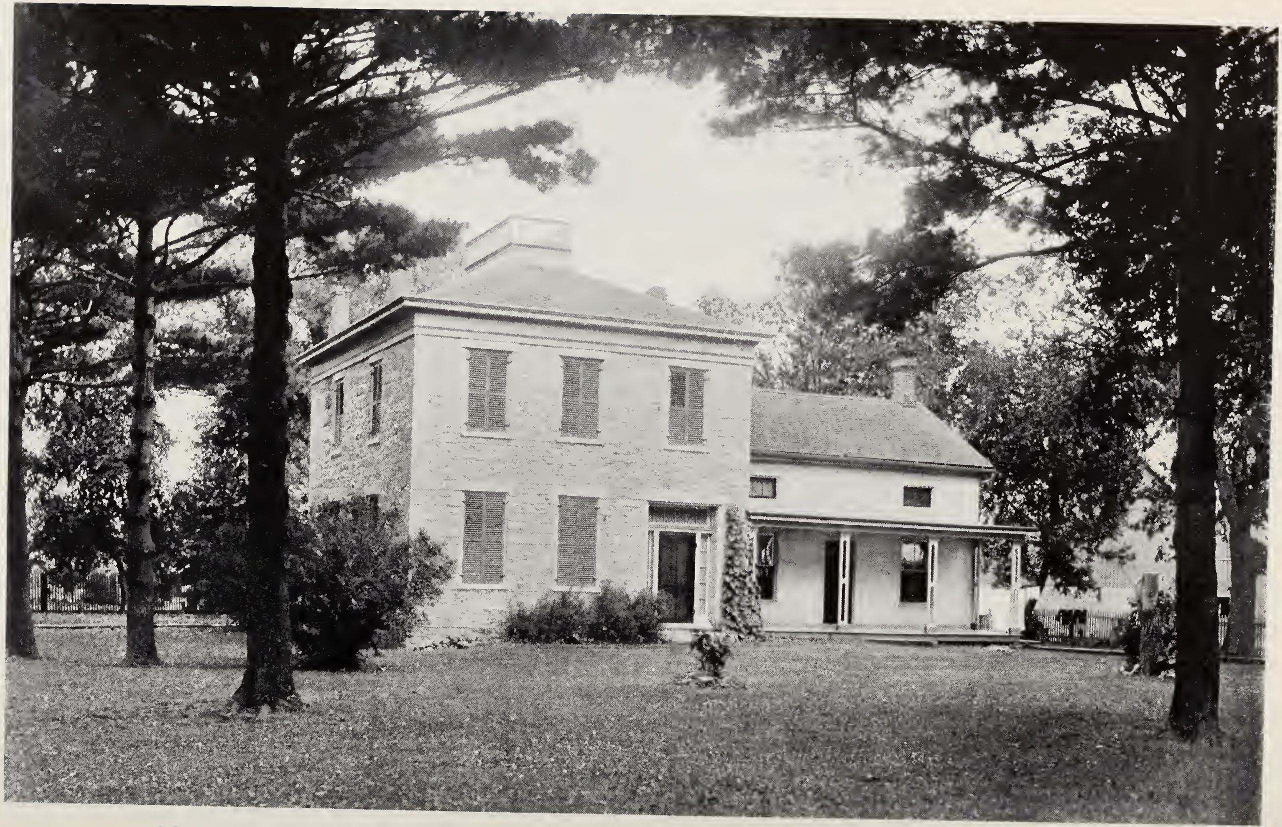


WORTHINGTON THOMAS, fifth generation, is the son of Noble F. and Susan (Young) Thomas and was born near Mount Morris, Aug. 16, 1898. He married Miss Lorraine Brown and they have two children, Alan Keith and Nancy Adeline. A more extended biography will be found in the chapter on "Village Newspapers."

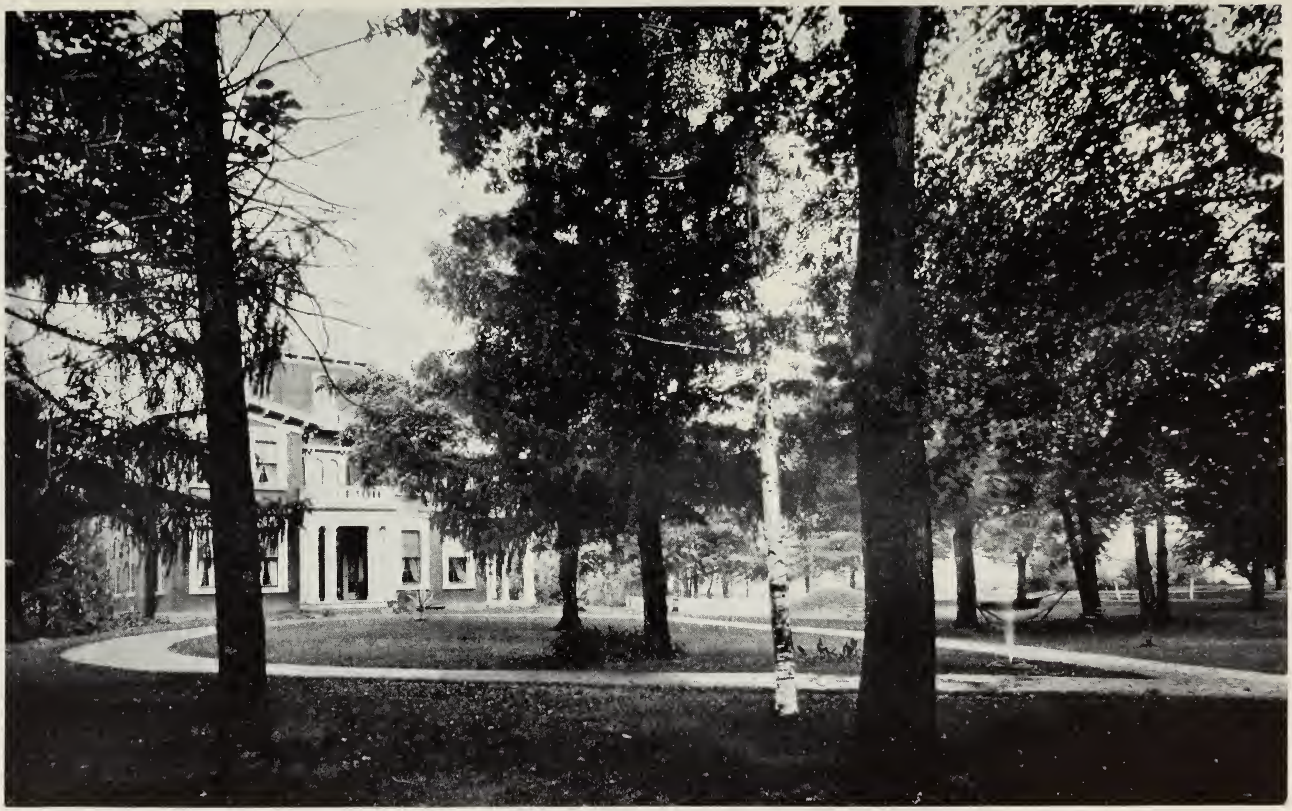


ALAN KEITH THOMAS represents the sixth generation and is the son of Worthington and Lorraine (Brown) Thomas. He was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Mount Morris, and thus he becomes the youngest standard bearer of the Thomas klan in this vicinity.

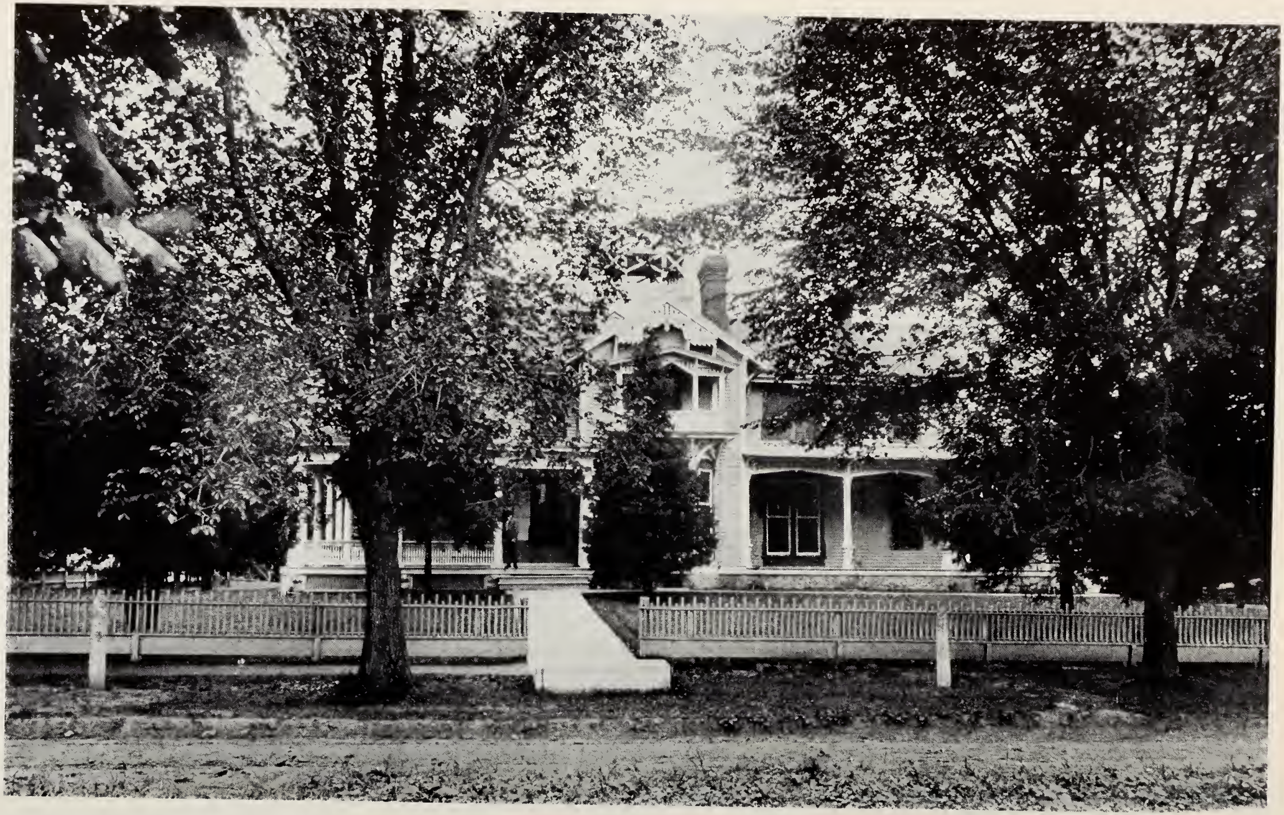




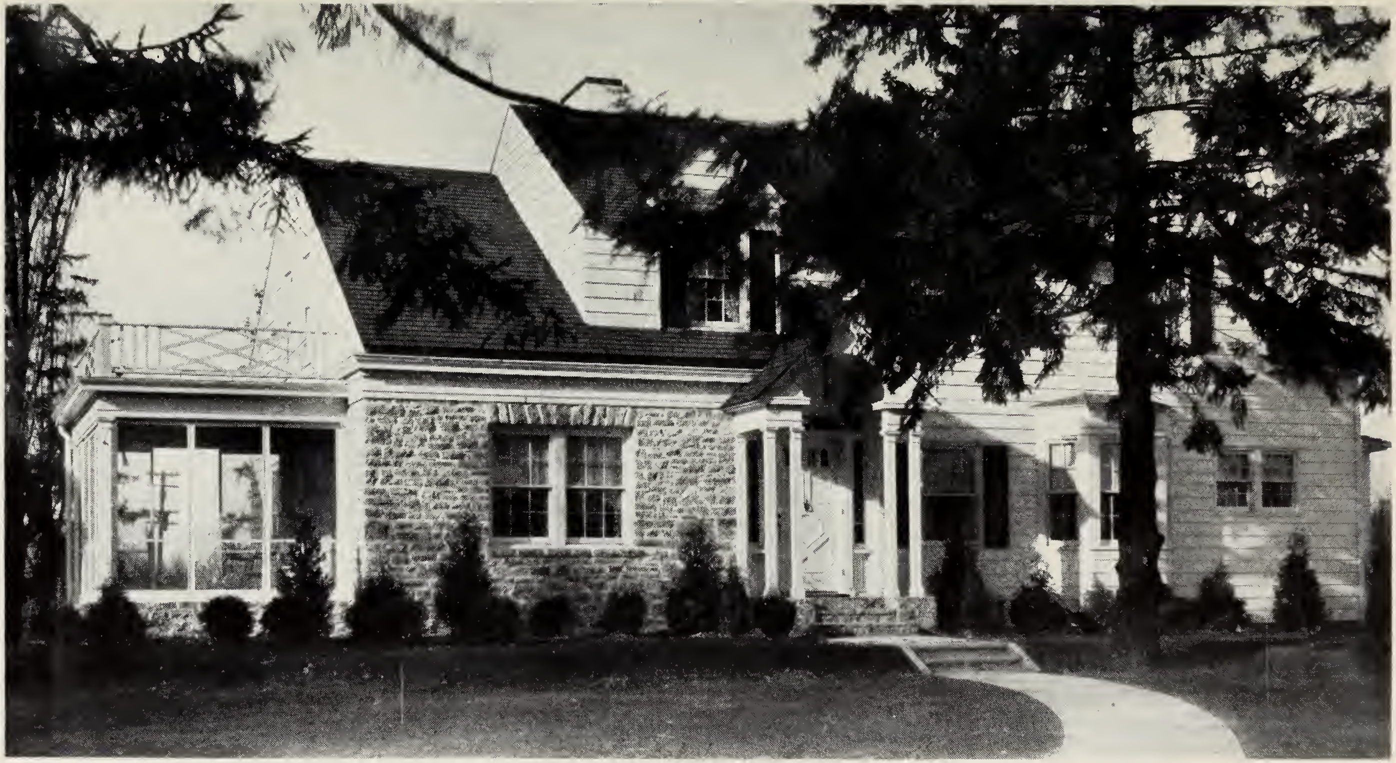
COUNTRY HOME of Henry J. Farwell, who died in 1890, now owned by his son, George V. Farwell. It is located about a half mile south of the corporate limits of Mount Morris.



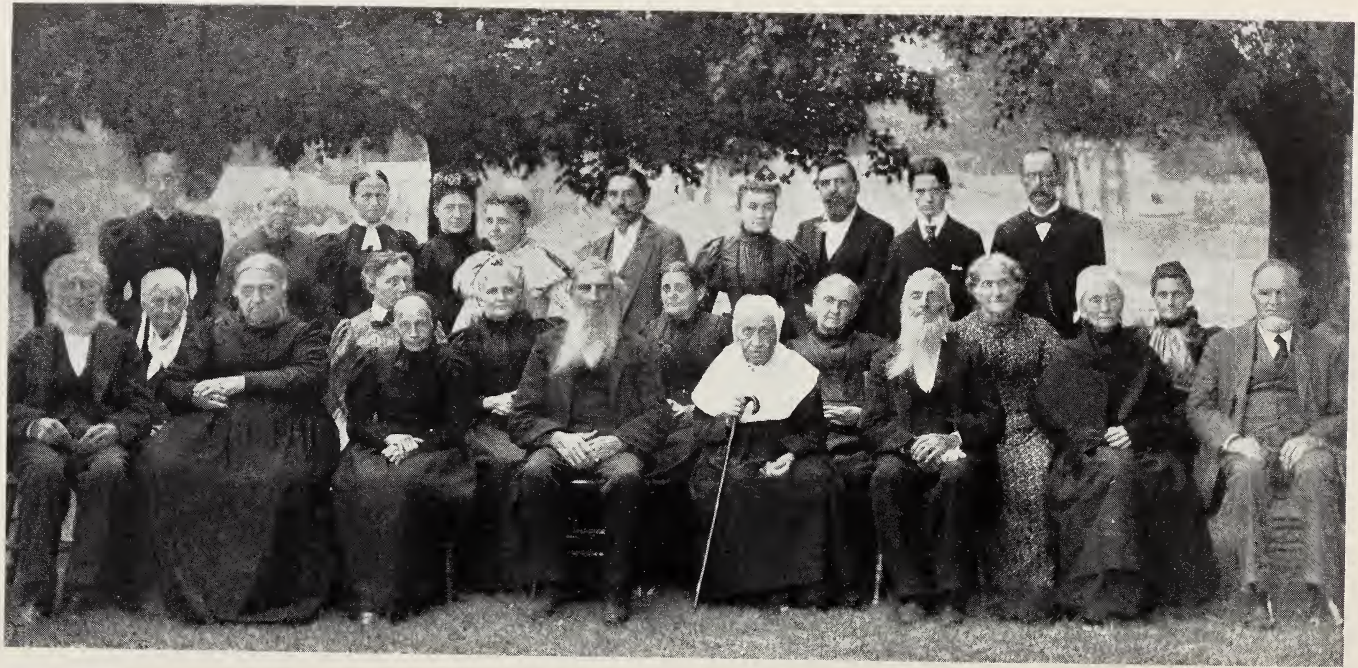
The Beautiful Brayton Home and Lawn in the Southeast End of Town.



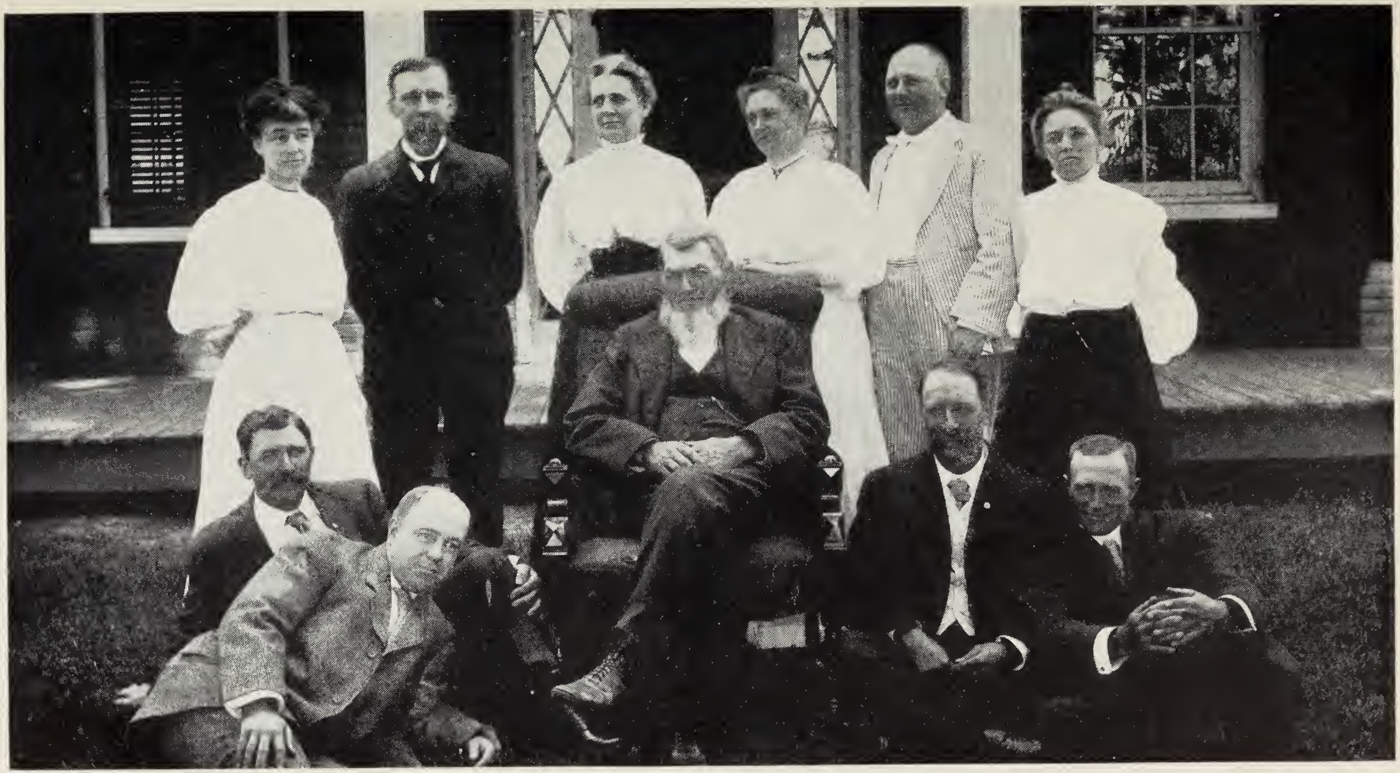
THE ABOVE was the home for many years of Congressman Robert R. Hitt. After the death of Mr. Hitt, this property was purchased by Harvey J. and Harry G. Kable in the year 1916, who tore the old house down and used much of the old lumber in the erection of their two new homes now standing on this location, which is the northwest corner of Hitt St. and Seminary Ave. The Hitt residence was originally built in 1876. It was greatly increased in size in 1883 and still another addition was built in 1894. The house was built by N. E. Buser.



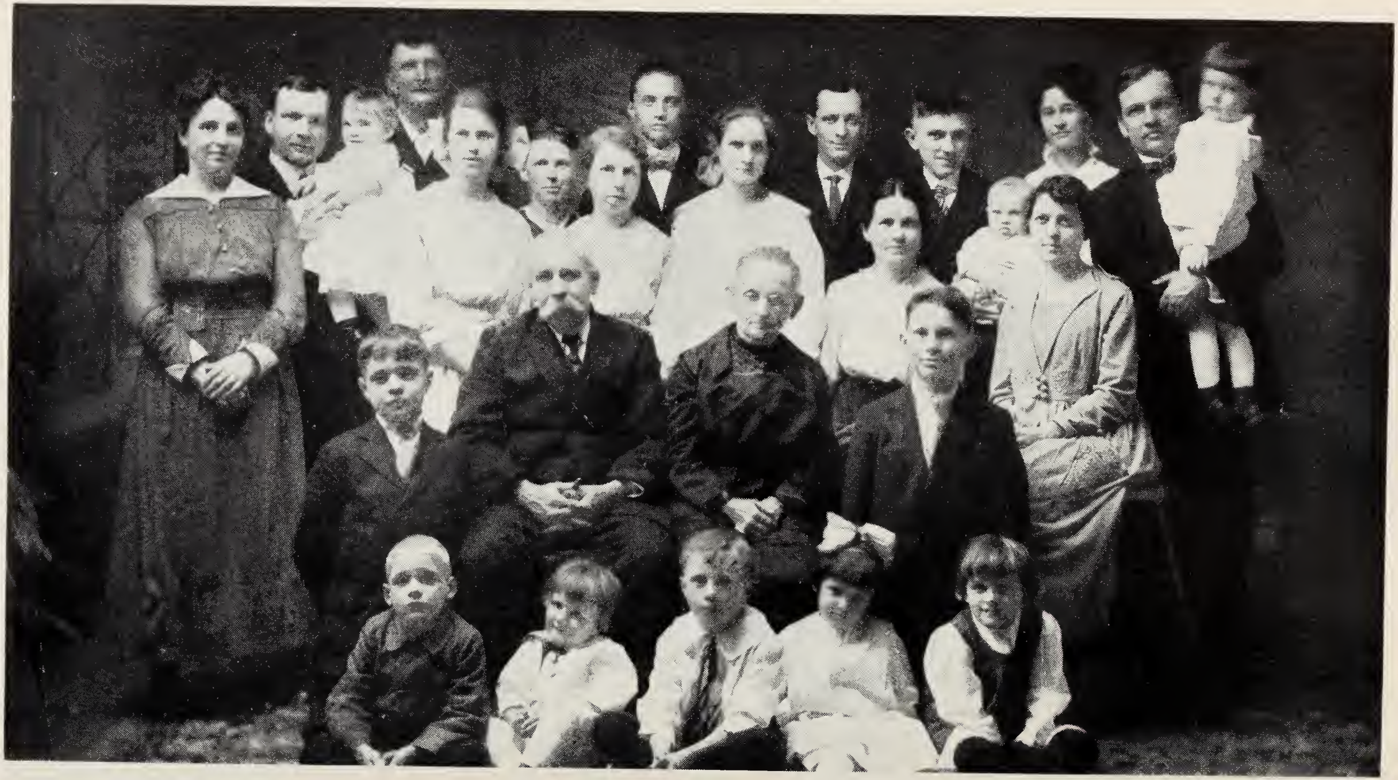
HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Kable which was erected in 1916 and rebuilt in 1933. It is located partly on the site of the Robert R. Hitt home which was torn down in 1916, and a considerable quantity of lumber from the old house was used in the construction of the Kable home shown above.



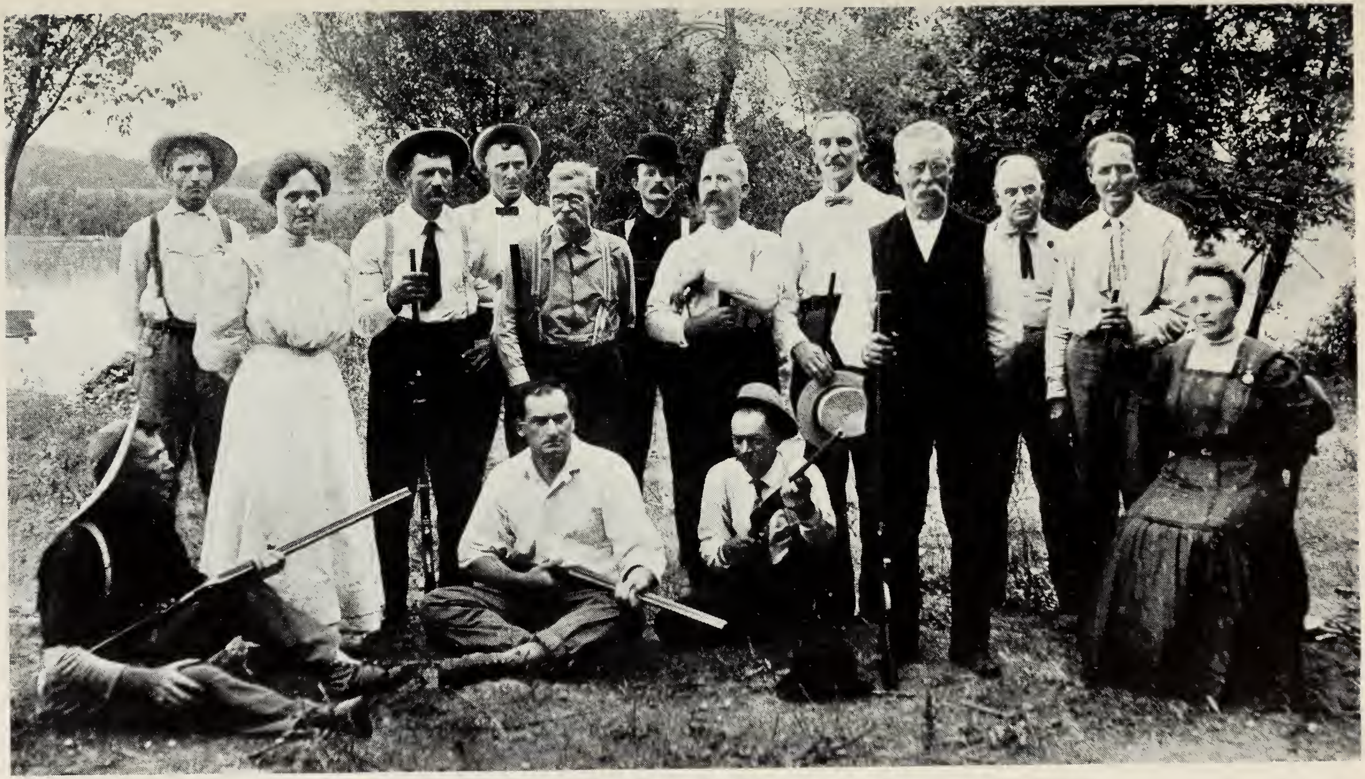
THIS HISTORIC GATHERING of old people was held at the home of Peter Funk, August 24, 1897, in honor of the one hundredth birthday of Aunt Kitty Rice. Those in the picture are, from left to right, front row: George Griswold, Eliza Hammer, Mrs. George Griswold, Anna Funk, Susan Bovey, Barbara Rice, Daniel Zellers, Mrs. Anna Zellers, Aunt Kittye Rice, Mrs. Mary Etnyre, Peter Funk, Mrs. Peter Funk, Mrs. Michael Funk, Mrs. David Forney, Michael Funk; standing, Mrs. Quinby Allen, Mrs. Barbara Emmert, Mrs. Andrew Newcomer, Mrs. Samuel Billig, Ella Griswold, George Griswold, Mrs. Anna (Rice) Mumma, Harry Griswold, Clinton Forney, David Forney.



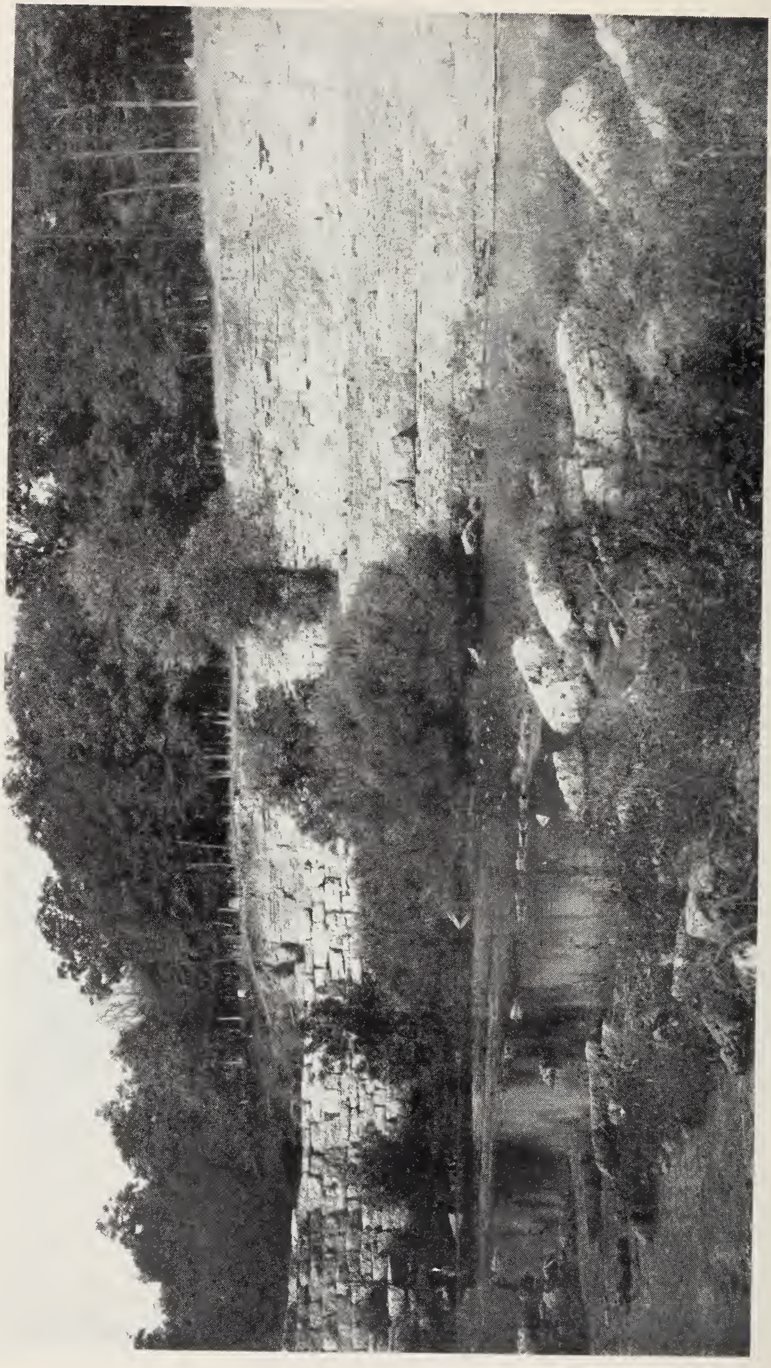
FAMILY OF REUBEN S. MARSHALL. This picture was taken about the year 1900. From left to right, standing: Ida (Mrs. George Wilson), William, Emma (Mrs. Henry Clements), Grace (Mrs. Melvin Rinehart), Alburtus, Viola (Mrs. David Bock); in front, Frank, Oliver, Ira and John. The mother died before this picture was taken. The father (in chair) died in 1907.



THIS PICTURE of the Kable family was taken about the year 1918. The children sitting in front are, left to right: Justin Kable, Harold Longman, Roger Niman, Joyce Longman and Ruth Niman. Mr. and Mrs. Kable are sitting in the center with Forrest Kable on the left and Don Niman on the right. Those in the rear are from left to right: Pearl Hershey Kable, Harvey J. Kable (with Virginia Kable in arms), Chas. Niman, Dorothy Niman, Minnie Kable Niman, Ruth Kable, Hale Niman, Faith Longman, Harry Longman, Lulu Kable Longman, Milo Zimmerman, Ward Zimmerman (in arms), Hazel Kable Zimmerman, Edith Walkup Kable, Harry G. Kable, Robert Kable.



MEMBERS of the Mount Morris Gun Club: Standing, left to right, Charlie Bishop, Mrs. C. J. Price, Grant Unger, Price Stouffer, Jim Aikens, August Dunne, Fred Middlekauff, John Rice, A. W. Neff, Charles Pettegrew, Harry Cushing; sitting, Gregor Thompson, Dr. C. J. Price, Samuel Sprecher, Mrs. A. T. Olson. This picture was taken at Castle Rock in 1910.



A TYPICAL VIEW of beautiful scenery along Pine Creek near Mount Morris

Chapter 20

MOUNT MORRIS OF TODAY

As this last chapter of the revised edition of *"Mount Morris: Past and Present"* is being written, the village which we proudly call our home is entering into the second century of its existence. Nearly a year has been spent in delving into old records, histories and newspaper files in order to put together a correct picture of the progress and growth of this community which started from scratch a hundred years ago.

During the greater part of this period the principal interest in the community centered around its institution of learning. This brought to the village men of learning and those who wanted to learn. The thousands of students who received inspiration here scattered all over the United States and Mount Morris wielded an influence far greater than the average town of its size.

It is true that the seminary and college were never successful financially but that fact does not detract from the great influence the institution had in the growth and development of the village. The second phase of the development of the village is the industrial which fortunately grew during the decline of the college and took the place of that institution when it was finally compelled to close its doors. During the early days, Mount Morris was known far and wide as an educational center, and now it is even better known as a great printing center, and hundreds of thousands of magazines are broadcast each month all over the United States and Canada.

It so happens that this hundred-year period which saw the evolution of our community from an open prairie into a thriving little city, also covers the greatest progress in science and invention which the world has ever seen. At the time the first settlers wended their way from the east by slow means of transportation very few of the important modern conveniences and inventions were in existence. There were no railroads except several short lines in the east; there were no automobiles, no telephones, no electric lights, no radios, no airplanes, no motion pictures. Most of these inventions might be classed as luxuries, but today they are considered necessities in the life of the average American.

It will, therefore, be interesting to check up on when these inventions were first used in this country and when they first came to Mount Morris.

RAILROADS

The first railroad built in the United States for the purpose of transporting freight and passengers was the Baltimore & Ohio. Construction began in 1828 and the laying of rails began in 1829. Up to 1832, horses were employed to haul the cars and the first locomotive was not used until 1830. When the first settlers began to come to Ogle County in 1836 and 1837, there were no railroads whatever west of Pennsylvania and the only means of travel to the new country was in wagons drawn by horses or oxen, or by boats on the great lakes and rivers. The railroad through Mount Morris was not built until the year 1871, or nearly 35 years after the village was founded.

AUTOMOBILES

The modern automobile propelled by means of a gasoline engine was not in general use in the United States until about the year 1902, and the first machines did not appear in Mount Morris until the year 1904. Edward Thomas claims to have brought the first machine here in May, 1904. It was a single cylinder machine known as the "Silent Knight" and he bought it at Hagerstown, Md., for $600.00. Later he shipped it to Porto Rico, where he was employed as an engineer. Mr. Thomas also claims to have owned the first bicycle brought to Mount Morris. That was in the year 1889 and it was built with a high wheel in front and a small wheel behind. It took a gymnast to ride one of those early bicycles. Chas. Ford, son of Rev. L. Ford, also had one of the first bicycles of that type.

Dr. A. W. Price probably owned the second automobile in Mount Morris. *The Index* of June 29, 1904, contained the following news item in regard to it: "Dr. A. W. Price brought his new automobile home from Rockford, Saturday. It is a two-seated proper, but can be quickly changed into a four-seated affair by a clever folding arrangement in front. The machine is the Knox patent and is propelled by a 10-horse-power gasoline motor, the entire outfit weighing 1760 pounds. It is a handsome make and outline and is considered one of the best patterns on the market. The purchase was made through the agency of F. G. Jones of Oregon, but the price paid has not been revealed. Since his return Mr. Price has given many of his friends and a large number of little folks rides about town and on the frequent trips up and down Main Street, it is a matter of surprise how well most of the horses met have behaved. It would seem that in a very short time all danger of a scare from this source by the horse family will be over."

Others who purchased machines in those early days were Prof. G. W. Furrey, Frank Keedy, Willis Mumma, O. S. Watts and George Windle. However, this new mode of transportation did not materialize very fast in Mount Morris because five years later *The Index* of May 6, 1909, had the following news item: "Price Stouffer is the possessor of a new Jackson touring car, having made the purchase through the agency of Wingert & Clevidence. Mr. Stouffer and Mr. Clevidence went to Chicago on Tuesday of last week and in the afternoon ran the auto out as far as Elgin, resuming the journey to Mount Morris on the following day. The car is of excellent make and Mr. Stouffer is already becoming quite proficient in handling it. A year ago there was not an automobile owned in town, while now there are sixteen and others are considering purchasing. It took Mount Morris folks a good while to catch the auto fever but it is now in full swing."

TELEPHONES

THE telephone was invented in 1876 by Prof. Graham Bell and by 1903 there were 1500 exchanges and over three million telephones in use in the United States. The first telephone was installed in Mount Morris in 1893. It was a public station in the hardware store.

The first telephone exchange was installed in September, 1900, in the Seibert Building over the Citizens Bank, at which time there were 86 subscribers. Miss Maude Rowe (Mrs. B. E. Avey) was the first day operator and David Craley the night operator. Business and professional men who installed phones at that time were Adams Express office, B. E. Avey hardware, Baker & Coffman, Citizens Bank, H. H. Clevidence elevator, Clark & Wingert, City Water Works, Hotel Rohrer, Dr. Hanes office, D. F. Hamlin store, Index office, W. H. Jackson office, Fred Long livery, Oliver Miller stable, Dr. J. B. Moats office, News office, Niman's livery, C. E. Price hardware, Dr. C. J. Price office, College office, J. Strock grocery, O. S. Watts grocery, Wolfe's bakery, Burlington depot; also the residences of E. J. Allen, Prof. A. L. Clair, Dr. J. F. Canode, C. C. Crowell, Dr. W. W. Hanes, J. G. Royer, G. E. Weaver, Fred Frederickson, Samuel Rowe, Dr. G. B. McCosh and Prof. W. L. Eikenberry. The exchange was put in by the Ogle County Telephone Co.

In 1904 Charles Weaver was the local manager. In 1913 the name of the company was changed to the Rock River Telephone Company with Walter Stage as local manager. In 1926 the DeKalb Telephone Company merged with the Rock River Telephone Company under the new name DeKalb-Ogle Telephone Company and since that time Miss Matilda Bock has been the local manager.

Service work has been handled by the manager at Oregon. The present telephone operators are as follows: Mrs. Frank Nachtman, Mrs. Hannah Ridenour, Mrs. Stewart Merryman, Miss Lois Merryman and Miss Frances Sawyer.

The number of telephones gradually increased each year until the present time when there are 800 in Mount Morris and surrounding country. Very few houses are not equipped with this modern convenience.

RADIO

RADIO was first heard in Mount Morris in 1922. *The Index* of July 6, 1922, announced that Bert Baker had installed the first receiving set, and Bert Tilden also put in a set about the same time. Harold Tracy, Erwin Hough and Nelson Rittenhouse were also pioneers with radio sets in the same year. These first sets were very crude and were equipped with ear phones. Later on they were connected with loud speakers. Now after the elapse of only 16 years nearly every home has one or two radios and many automobiles are equipped with them.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

THE introduction of electricity for light and power was made about the year 1880, and gradually came into general use, especially for street lighting with arc lamps.

Mount Morris got along with kerosene lamps until the year 1901, when the village board granted a franchise to Edgar F. Thomas, who installed an 80-horsepower steam engine with a belt-driven dynamo in a building east of the railroad tracks in the north end of town. This plant was put in operation for the first time on Jan. 8, 1901. Most of the business houses and a number of residences had been wired and street lights installed.

Mr. Thomas operated the plant until December, 1903, when he sold the business to W. N. Wilkins of Mayfield, N. Y., who operated the plant as the Mount Morris Electric Light & Power Co. The plant was sold again in several years to Walter B. King of Redwood Falls, Minn., and he in turn sold to another group of out-of-town men.

In 1909, Kable Brothers Company acquired the electric light plant and moved the equipment to its own building and enlarged it sufficiently to furnish light and power to the village and the printing plant as well. After three years the plant and franchise were sold to the Illinois Northern Utilities Company. The generating of current was discontinued in Mount Morris and the electricity has since been brought in over high voltage transmission lines.

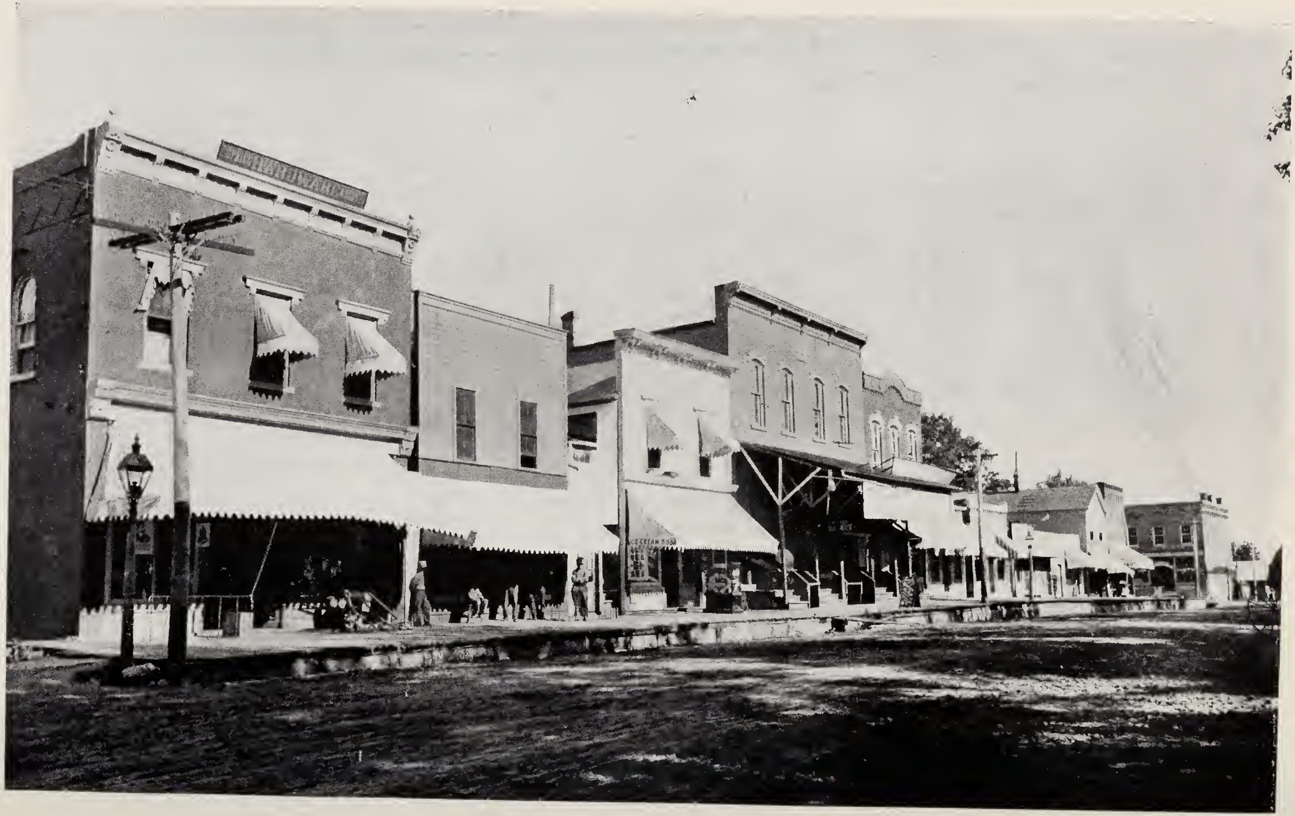
MOTION PICTURES

CHAS. WISHARD started the first motion picture theatre in Mount Morris in the year 1912 in the small building now occupied by Hagemann's Service Station, and this theatre was used until the Wishard Building was built in 1920. Sound pictures were first shown here in February, 1930.

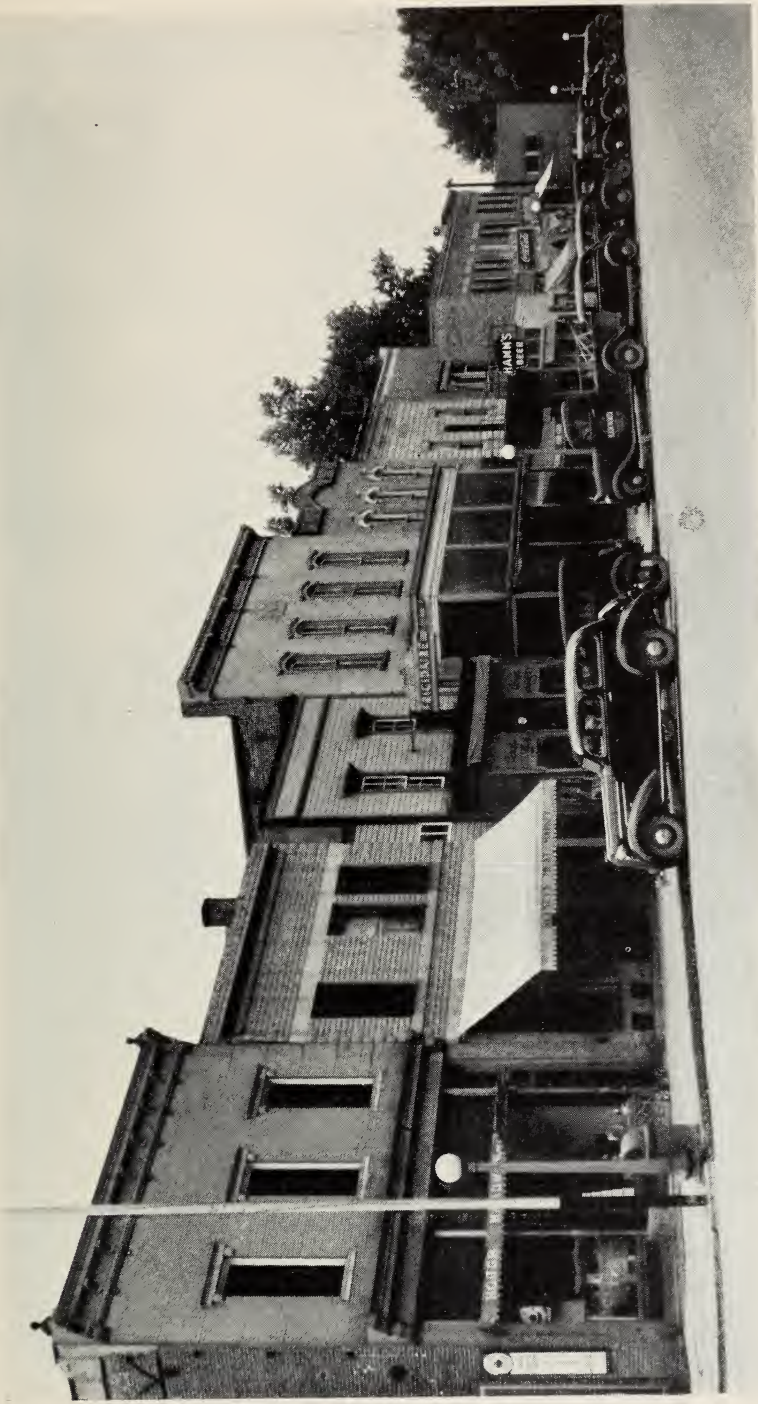
THE AIRPLANE

IN THE year 1905, aviation was in its infancy and Wilbur Wright made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine in that year. It was 13 years later when the first airplane landed at Mount Morris and *The Index* of July 31, 1919, reported the incident as follows: "The circling of an airplane over Mount Morris for a few minutes shortly after 7 o'clock Thursday morning and its final alighting in the pasture field of Price Stouffer at the south edge of town, attracted much attention and a large crowd soon gathered to learn what the early visit meant, for it was the first airplane to stop in the town, although others have passed over in their flights elsewhere. The machine, a small two-seated Curtiss biplane, was in charge of two young men recently discharged from the service and they were enroute to deliver it to parties at Madison, Wis."

In 1938, Mount Morris has everything that an enterprising city should have. All of the important streets are paved with concrete; the business houses and homes are protected against fire by an adequate water system of mains and hydrants and fire-fighting apparatus;



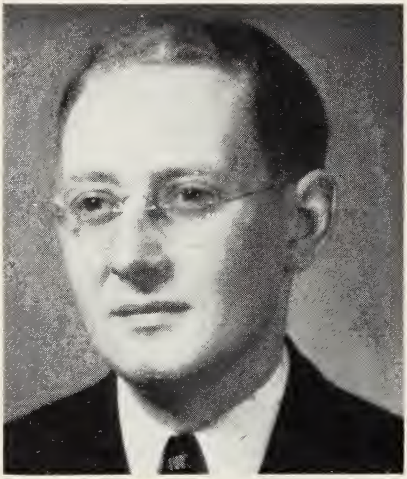
THE SOUTH BUSINESS BLOCK as it appeared in 1900, before the street was paved. Note the old Startzman building at the farther end of the street, now replaced by the Township Hall. Also note the kerosene street lamp on the corner at the left.



THE SOUTH BUSINESS BLOCK as it appears in 1938, 38 years after the picture on the opposite page was taken. Quite a few changes can be seen in the buildings at the lower end, including the Brayton Block and the Town Hall. Note the electric lights and street paving.

the streets are well lighted with electricity; the educational facilities are ample and well administered; there are four prosperous churches which fill the religious requirements of our people; fraternal and social organizations are in a flourishing condition; and the business interests are ably represented by our enterprising merchants.

Brief sketches are given in the following pages of the business men and enterprises in Mount Morris which are not covered in preceding chapters.



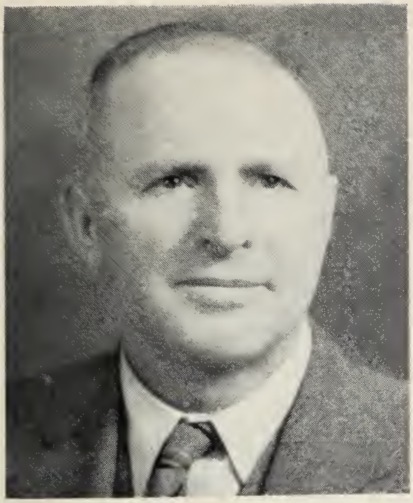
ORLO AUMAN, owner and operator of "Whitey's" Barber Shop, came to Mount Morris from Lanark in August, 1933, as barber in Harrington's shop. He started in business for himself in June, 1937. He is the son of George and Fanny Auman and was born Sept. 12, 1909, at Kent, Ill. He graduated from the Cissna Park High School in 1927 and attended Mount Morris College for one year. He graduated from Molar's Barber College in Chicago in April, 1932. He was married in September, 1936, to Helen Wolfensberger.

HOWARD CORBETT, manager of the local Standard Oil Station in Mount Morris, is the son of Joe and Bessie (Ballard) Corbett and was born March 24, 1913, at Oregon, Ill. He graduated from the Polo High School in 1930 and attended Mount Morris College for two years. He was a member of the undefeated football team of 1931. He was employed by the Kable News Co. from 1932 to 1936, and in March, 1936, became the manager of the Standard Oil station. Mr. Corbett was married in 1934 to Olive Weybright and they have two children: Joan and Carol.

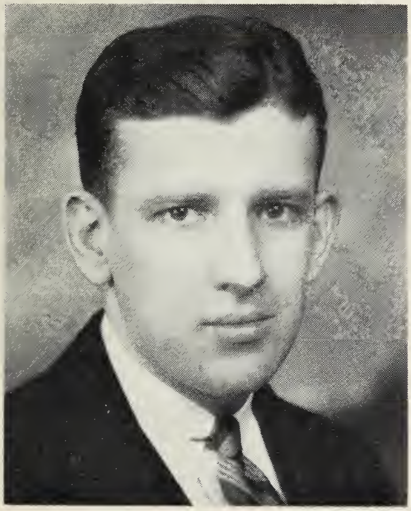
SYRIL E. AVEY, owner of Avey's Electrical & Variety Store, is the son of Solomon E. and Belle (Beard) Avey, and was born Jan. 26, 1899, in Mount Morris. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1916, attended the Marian (Ala.) Military Institute for one year, and the Naval Academy at Annapolis from June, 1917, to October, 1920. He learned the electric business with the Seaman Electric Company at Middletown, Ohio, and was local manager for the Illinois Northern Utilities Company from 1921 until 1929. Since then he has been in business for himself. He is a past commander of American Legion Post No. 143, and is a member of the local Masonic lodge and the Business Men's League. In 1922, he married Lulu Pyper of Leaf River and they have had five children: Robert, Jean, Spencer, Dorothy and Betty (deceased).

JAMES BARBEGELLO has been operating the Mount Morris Cafe since December, 1937. He previously operated a restaurant in Rockford. He was born Jan. 17, 1883, at Calascibatta, Italy. He attended school in Italy and served in the Italian Army during the World War. He became a U. S. citizen in 1937. He was married in 1905 to Angelina Bonzignara and they have three children: Joseph, Antoine and Carlo.

ALLISON BLAKE has been operating a shoe shop in Mount Morris since September, 1937. He is the son of Errett and Bessie (Black) Blake and was born northeast of Mount Morris, Aug. 8, 1914. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1934. He married Winona Burright in October, 1936, and they have a daughter, Karlene Marie.



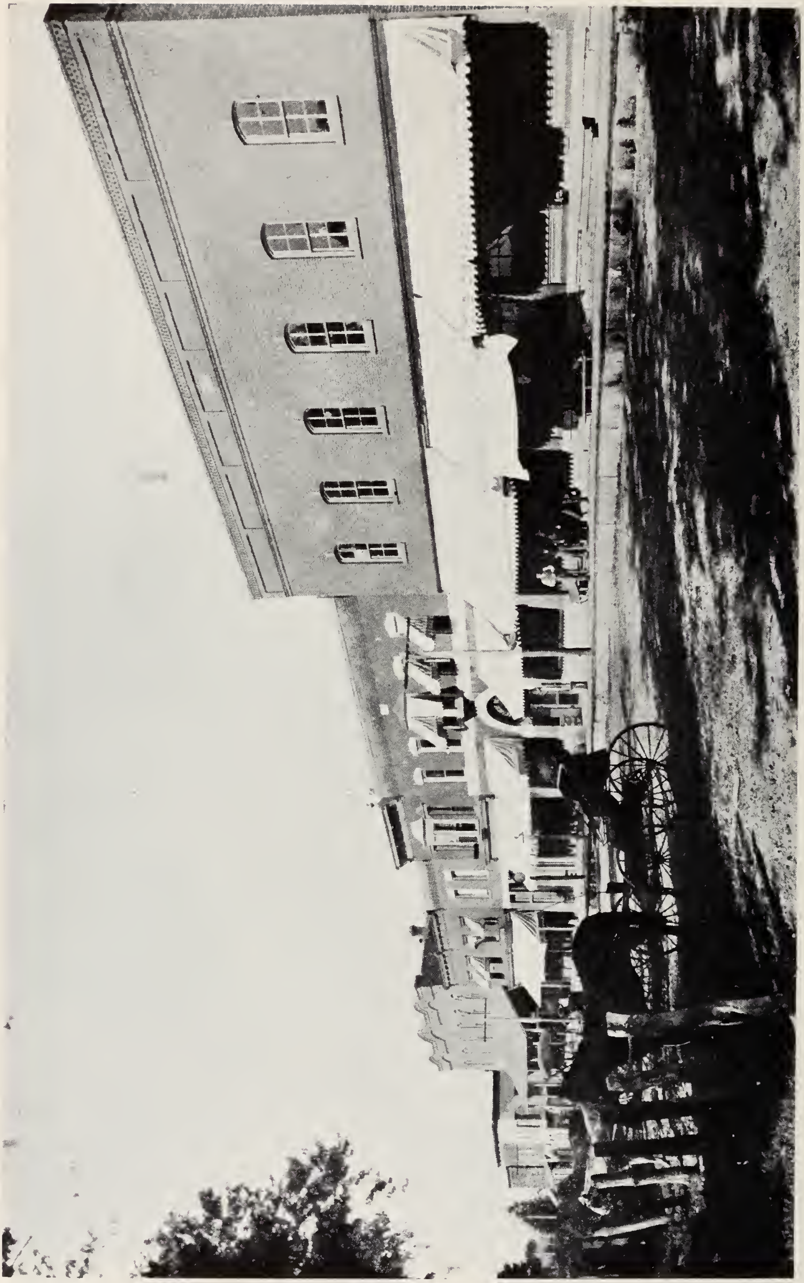
ROBERT E. BUSER, president of the Buser Concrete Construction Company, is the son of Nathaniel E. and Arbanna C. (Middlekauff) Buser. He was born in Mount Morris Sept. 7, 1880. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and graduated from Mount Morris College in 1905. He taught country schools in 1898 and 1899 and then became associated with his father in the building and building material business, of which he is now the head. He was married in 1905 to Elva M. Jacobs and they have three children, Maurice E., Gail J. and Doris (Mrs. Harry Conrad). He lives at 104 Emily St.



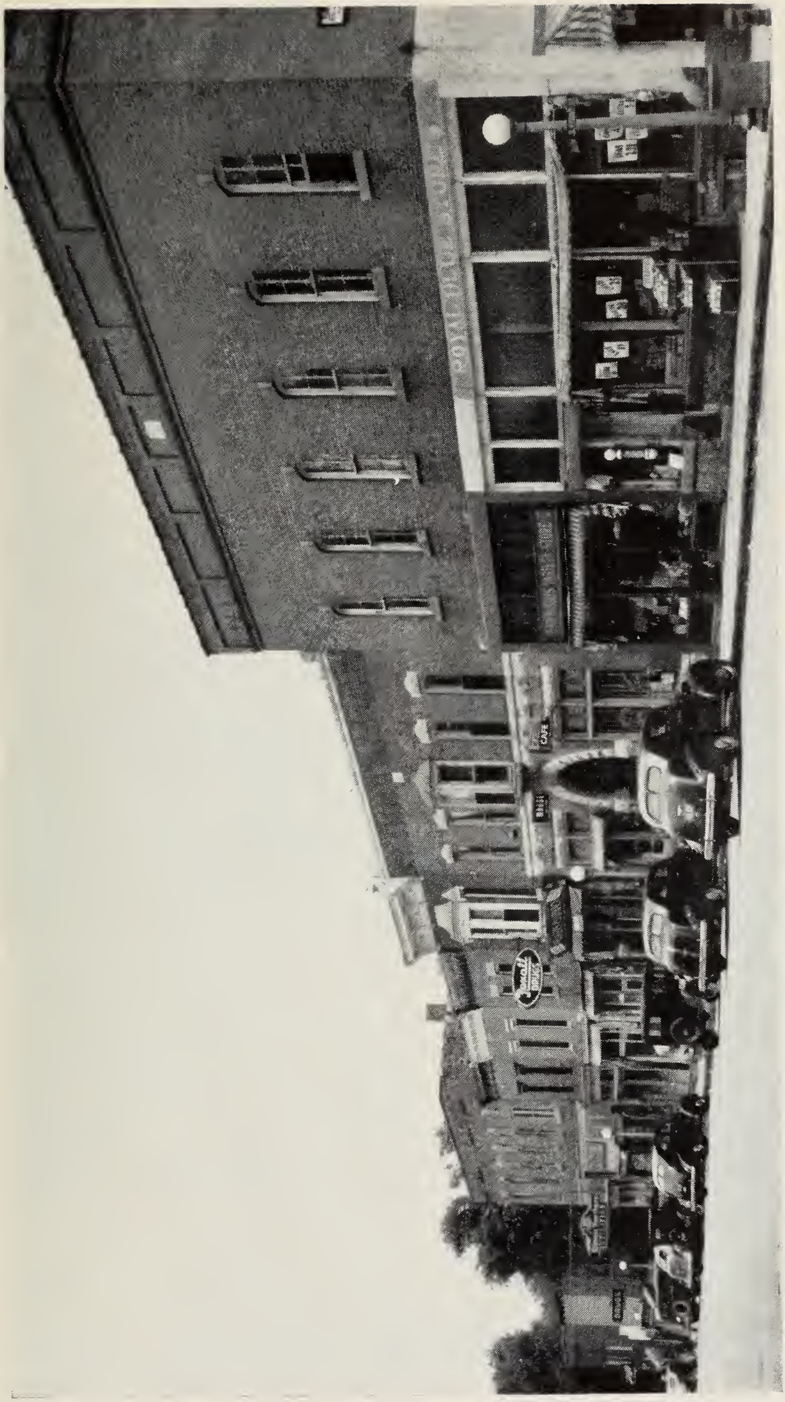
DR. PAUL BOYLE, Dentist, located in Mount Morris in October, 1935, and has built up a large practice. He was born Jan. 3, 1911, at Sutherland, Iowa, and graduated from the Lanark High School in 1929. He attended the University of Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in Chicago in 1935. Prior to coming to Mount Morris he served as instructor in operative dentistry in the school in Chicago where he graduated. He is assisted in his office by Mrs. Raymond Osborne. Dr. Boyle was married in 1935 to Miss Lilian Borop and they live in the Kable Apartments.

CHARLES O. BAKER has been in the bakery business in Mount Morris since 1921 and operates a high-grade establishment. He employs Wm. Esderts. Mr. Baker is the son of O. W. and Eleanor (Wilson) Baker and was born in Mount Morris, March 18, 1885. He attended the Mount Morris public schools and worked at the baker's trade in Benton Harbor, Mich., Dallas, Texas, and Rockford, Ill. He is married and has three children.

ERNEST A. BRUNER owns and operates a Confectionery store at 115 S. Wesley Ave. He is the son of Theodore L. and Etta (McCoy) Bruner. He was born at Somerset, Pa., April 7, 1880, and came to Mount Morris in 1888. He attended the Mount Morris Public School and later engaged in farming at Stillman Valley. In March, 1929, he purchased the confectionery business from Daniel Kees which he has conducted since that time. He is a member of Mount Morris Business Men's League. Mr. Bruner was married in 1905 to Gertrude Leupkes and they have five children: Theodore, Kenneth, Bernice (Mrs. Forrest Kable), Lois and James.

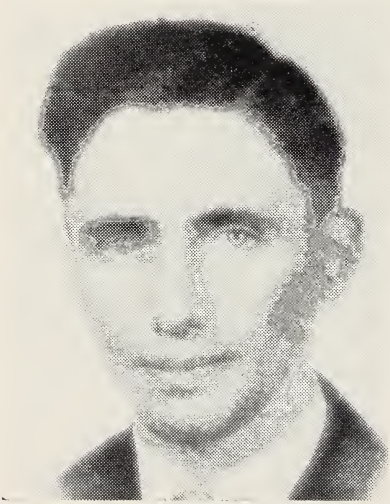


THE NORTH BUSINESS BLOCK as it appeared about the year 1900, before the street was paved and before the general use of automobiles. Note the horses hitched along the street.



THE NORTH BUSINESS BLOCK as it appears in 1938, 38 years after the picture on the opposite page was taken. The buildings are practically the same, but autos take the place of buggies and the street has been paved.

MAURICE E. BUSER, secretary-treasurer of the Buser Concrete Construction Company, is the son of Robert E. and Elva (Jacobs) Buser and was born at Stillman Valley, Nov. 21, 1907. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1924, and attended Mount Morris College for one year. He was a member of the 129th Infantry Band of the Illinois National Guard for three years. He is a member of the Business Men's League and of the local Masonic lodge. He was married in August, 1925, to Leotta Heftye and they live at 306 W. Hitt St.



CARROLL BOSTON is manager of the local office of the Illinois Northern Utilities Company. He is the son of Charles and Virgie (Campbell) Boston, and was born April 30, 1903, at Girard, Ill. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1922 and from the Sweeney Electrical Trade School at Kansas City, Mo., in 1924. He worked in the folder department at the Kable plant for 1½ years, and then as electrician and clerk for C. H. Newcomer. In 1929, he started as service man and lineman for the Illinois Northern Utilities Company and was appointed local manager in January, 1937. He was Master of the local Masonic Lodge in 1937 and also Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. He is president of the Mount Morris Business Men's League. He was married in August, 1929, to Arminnie Sons.

BERT A. BAKER has been in the automobile and radio business in Mount Morris since 1914. He was one of the first persons in Mount Morris to operate a radio receiving set. He is the son of Edward F. and Barbara (Hammer) Baker and was born in Pine Creek Township, Feb. 7, 1886. He attended the Pine Creek school and graduated from Mount Morris College in 1910. He then attended the University of Michigan and graduated in electrical engineering in 1914. He was a member of the Village Board of Trustees for ten years. He married Edna M. Fry in October, 1923.

MRS. LETTIE CRAMER is the owner and operator of the LeMae Beauty Shop at 6½ W. Main St. She received her training at the Rockford Beauty School and became a licensed operator in 1930. She came to Mount Morris in 1932. Mrs. Cramer is a member of the Eastern Star.

BUSER
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THE BUSER CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY is an outgrowth of the contracting business of Nathaniel E. Buser. He operated independently for a number of years, then in partnership with Willis Mumma, and later added building material and coal sales to the business. The business was then incorporated in 1906 by N. E. Buser, Robert E. Buser, and John W. Wine. N. E. Buser continued as president until his death in 1931. The present officers and directors of the company are Robert E. Buser, president; Elva M. Buser, vice-president; Maurice E. Buser, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. B. C. Buser, director. All of the stock of the company is held by members of the family. The regular employes of the company are Grover Eakle, Errett Blake, Albert Sprecher, Ben Corbett, Jesse Raney, Darrell Toms, Keller Smith and Faustina Curley.

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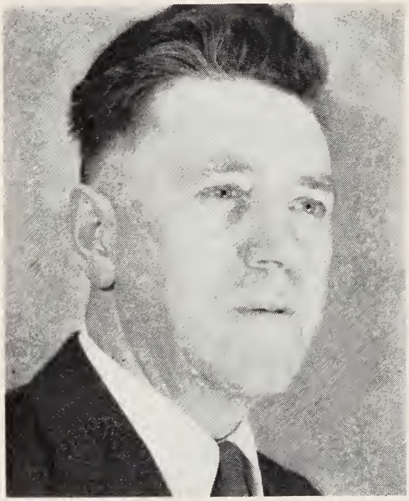
MARY CATHERINE (SPRECHER) MILLER, daughter of John and Alydia Ann (Palmer) Sprecher was born in Mount Morris on June 13, 1875, and attended Mount Morris Public Schools and Mount Morris College. She has been connected with her father's store in Mount Morris since 1894, and for a number of years has been the efficient manager of the store. She married Supervisor John H. Miller, who passed away in December, 1936. She is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

CHARLES C. SPRECHER, son of John and Alydia Ann (Palmer) Sprecher, was born in Mount Morris, October 22, 1873, and attended Mount Morris public schools. He has been connected with the Sprecher store since 1903. He is unmarried.

WENTWORTH WHEELER SPRECHER, son of John and Alydia Ann (Palmer) Sprecher, was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 17, 1877, and attended Mount Morris public schools. He has been connected with the Sprecher store since 1902. Mr. Sprecher was married Sept. 7, 1921, to Essie Pieper and they have two children, John and Lois.

DANIEL S. CLAUSSEN, proprietor of the Claussen Garage, is the son of Menne and Grace (Poppenga) Claussen and was born at Oregon, Ill., July 3, 1894. He attended the country school and graduated from the Oregon High School. He also attended the Sweeney Automobile School in Kansas City, Mo. He came to Mount Morris in 1928 as an employe of the Central Garage and later established a business of his own. D. B. Allen is in his employ. Mr. Claussen was married in September, 1920, to Luetta M. Harshman and they have four children: Manley James, Duane Francis, Gloria Joy and Patricia Ann.



JAY CRATTY is engaged in the cleaning and dyeing business in Mount Morris. He is the son of James and Lettie (Boyle) Cratty and was born Feb. 27, 1890, at Rochelle, Ill. He graduated from the Rochelle High School in 1909. In the World War, he enlisted at Belvidere and was sworn in at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1917. He went overseas Feb. 20, 1918, with the 26th Division and served until Sept. 16, 1919, when he was discharged at Camp Lee, Va. He came to Mount Morris in 1926. He belongs to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Cratty was married in 1921 to Olivia Carney and they have a son, James.

H. E. COFFMAN, who owns and operates a coal business, is the son of Frank and Grace (McCoy) Coffman and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 20, 1900. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1918 and attended Mount Morris College in 1919. In March, 1922, he started in the coal business for himself. Mr. Coffman has in his employ, Earl Crowell, James Chambers, Louis Borneman and Harvey Hiteman. He built his office building in 1931. He has served on the Village Board of Trustees and the Grade School Board and is a member of the Business Men's League, director of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association and a member of the local Masonic lodge. He married Ruth Prugh in August, 1922, and they have three children: James, William and Suzanne. Mr. Coffman owns his home at 311 E. Brayton Road.

WILLIAM FOUKE owns and operates a barber shop at 200 W. Main St. He is the son of Dorsey and Elizabeth (Alsip) Fouke and was born May 6, 1880, in Mount Morris. He attended the Mount Morris public school and has been in the barber business for 25 years. He is a member of the Sons of Civil War Veterans. He is unmarried.

R. L. CRATTY, son of James and Lettie (Boyle) Cratty, was born at Rochelle, Ill., June 26, 1894. He graduated from the Rochelle High School in 1913, and in 1917 located in Mount Morris in the clothing business. He was married in 1916 to Laura Lewis, and two children were born to them, Robert L. and Doris. Mrs. Cratty died in 1932, and Mr. Cratty was remarried in 1935 to Ann Shaw. They reside at 314 E. Brayton Road. Mr. Cratty served two years as Village Clerk and three terms on the High School Board of Trustees. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge.

HENRY G. DOHLEN conducts an electrical business in Mount Morris which he started in 1931. Merlin Root is in his employ as service man. Mr. Dohlen is the son of John and Benjia (Genandt) Dohlen and was born Sept. 21, 1894, at Ackley, Iowa. He attended school in Mount Morris and attended the Sweeney Auto School at Kansas City. In the World War, he enlisted in April, 1917, in Chicago; was sent to Jefferson Barracks and then to El Paso, Texas. He went to France with the Fifth Engineers and saw active service under fire at Belleau Woods for 32 days. He was on the front line when the armistice was signed. He was discharged at Camp Grant on March 29, 1919. Mr. Dohlen was married to Ruth Gilbert in 1922 and they have one daughter, Marlene Joyce. He belongs to the Business Men's League, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Masons.

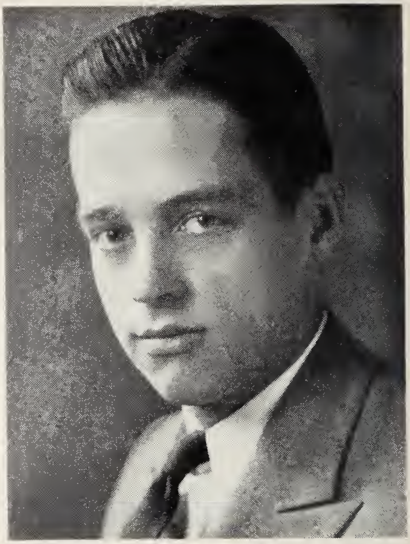
OSCAR L. DOWARD, son of Alfred and Annorah (Nichols) Doward, was born in Mount Morris, March 3, 1864. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and then learned the trade of sheet metal worker, which vocation he still follows. He has been in business most of the time for himself. He has been a musician of considerable ability, both vocal and instrumental. He played bass viol in many of the old orchestras and also had a very low bass voice. He was twice married, first to Helen Lizer, who died in 1901. They had four children: Anna, Daniel, Alfred and Orville. His second marriage was in 1902 to Laura M. Wedge. He died in August, 1938, after the above was written.

JOE DAVIS, who operates the Mount Morris Greenhouse, is the son of Harry and Pearl (Miller) Davis, and was born May 25, 1909, at Polo, Ill. He graduated from the Polo High School in 1927 and later worked in the oil business in Forreston and Freeport. He came to Mount Morris in 1936 and took over the Chas. Moore greenhouse. Mr. Davis was married in 1930 to Louise Lomax and they have a daughter, Marilyn June.

FRED J. DEAN, prominent citizen and business man of Mount Morris, is the son of Erastus and Charlotte Dean, and was born at Waterman, Ill., March 9, 1880. He attended the High School at Waterman and graduated from the Northwestern School of Pharmacy at Chicago. After graduation, he worked in drug stores in Oak Park, St. Charles, Waukegan and Rockford. In 1911, he purchased the drug store of O. E. Marshall in Mount Morris and conducted the business until March, 1930, when he sold out to Hugh Felker. Since then he has been the executive vice-president of the Citizens State Bank. He served a term on the high school board of education and was Democratic precinct committeeman for two terms. He is a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Dean was married in 1905 to Jessie Kirkpatrick, and they have three children: Robert K., Genevieve and Everett.

AUGUST H. DUNNE, son of Simon and Charlotte Dunne, was born Nov. 3, 1877, on the farm home near Mount Morris. After farming a few years, he started in the drayage business in Mount Morris, which he has continued to the present time. During 17 years of this time he was also in the ice business. He served as village trustee for 12 years. He is unmarried.

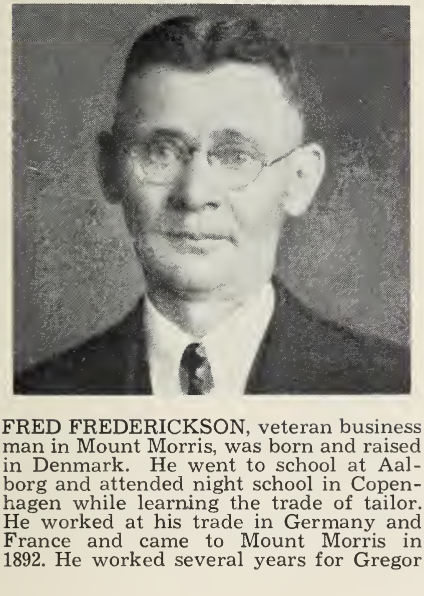
OPAL Z. FREY, nee Kretsinger, owns and operates the Bonnie Beauty Shoppe in Mount Morris. She attended the Egan School and the Northern Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb. She graduated from a two-year music course at Mount Morris College in 1926 and taught piano in her home for two years. She also taught in the rural schools in Ogle county for nine years. She graduated from the Famous School of Beauty Culture at Rockford in 1926. She was married to Sam Frey in 1923. They have a daughter, Bonnie Elaine.



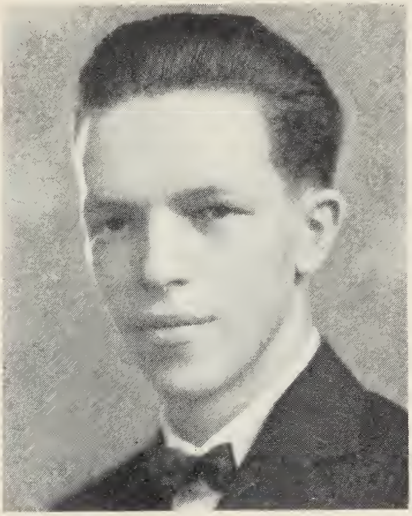
DR. MURRAY S. DUMONT, practicing physician and surgeon, is the son of Alex F. and Ella (Diehl) Dumont, and was born Nov. 9, 1906, at Nashville, Tenn. He graduated from the Rockford High School in 1923 and received his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1932. He belongs to the medical reserves of the U. S. Army with rank of first lieutenant. He opened offices in Mount Morris in November, 1933, and has built up a nice practice. Dr. Dumont was married in 1933 to Elsie O. Hausrath and they have a daughter, Barbara.

HAROLD HALVERSON, manager of the Green Star Restaurant, is the son of Andrew and Jenny (Rudd) Halverson, and was born Feb. 23, 1906, at Capron, Ill. He came to Mount Morris in 1934 and has in his employ Mrs. Maude Miller and Mrs. John Helwick. He was married in 1934 to Vada Watts.

LOUIS G. FINCH came to Mount Morris from Gary, Ind., in 1923, and took over the undertaking business of Wm. H. Johnson. In 1927, he added a complete line of furniture. Mr. Finch is the son of Samuel N. and Flora (DeCondres) Finch, and was born Feb. 7, 1887, at North Liberty, Ind. He graduated from the North Liberty High School in 1906, took a business course at the South Bend (Ind.) Business College, and graduated from the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming in 1908. In 1910, he married Esther F. Groshaus, and they have two sons: Charles W. and George.

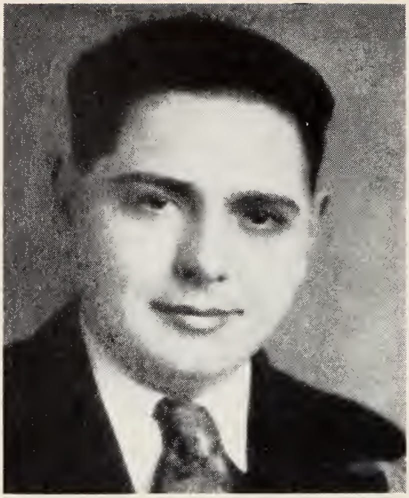


FRED FREDERICKSON, veteran business man in Mount Morris, was born and raised in Denmark. He went to school at Aalborg and attended night school in Copenhagen while learning the trade of tailor. He worked at his trade in Germany and France and came to Mount Morris in 1892. He worked several years for Gregor Thompson and in 1894 went into business for himself. He has been in business longer than any other business man in Mount Morris. He has been Village Clerk continuously, except for four years, since 1915. He is treasurer of the local Kiwanis Club, treasurer of the Masonic lodge. He is a member of Freeport Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons. Mr. Frederickson was married in 1893 to Fannie Wilson, who passed away in 1922.

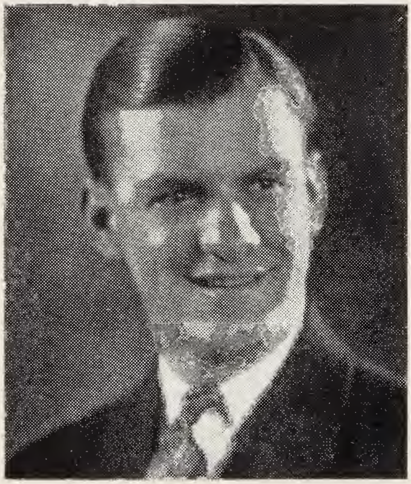


R. GERALD HOUGH, junior partner in the Hough Hardware Company, is the son of Robert W. and Julia May (Yetter) Hough, and was born June 10, 1905, at Steward, Ill. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1922, attended Mount Morris College two years, and graduated from Northwestern University School of Commerce with B.S.C. degree in 1926. After graduation he became a partner with his father in the hardware business. In 1927, he was married to Margaret Arnold, and they have two children, Ellen May and Robert Gerald.

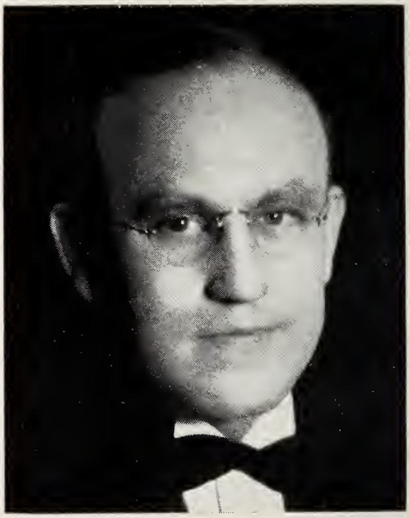
JOHN G. DOHLEN, manager of the Mount Morris Elevator Company, is the son of John G. and Benjia (Genandt) Dohlen, and was born Aug. 22, 1892, at Ackley, Iowa. He came with his parents to the vicinity of Mount Morris in 1903 and attended the Maple Grove School, then entered Mount Morris College from 1912 to 1916. He also attended Carthage College in 1917. During the period of the World War he served as battalion sergeant major at Camp Grant. He became manager of the Mount Morris Elevator Company in 1934. Mr. Dohlen married Ethel Gilbert in 1923 and they have four children: Gilbert, Elaine, Dolores and Norman.



FLOYD E. HOLLAND operates the "66" Service Station in Mount Morris. He is the son of Albertus and Ella (Garkey) Holland and was born July 17, 1905, at Leaf River, Ill. After attending school in the country and in Mount Morris, he worked as truck driver and put in three years in the Kable plant. After several years as an automobile mechanic, he started for himself in the oil business. He employes Vernon Burke. Mr. Holland was married in 1925 to Freda Hagemann and they have a son, Floyd, Jr.



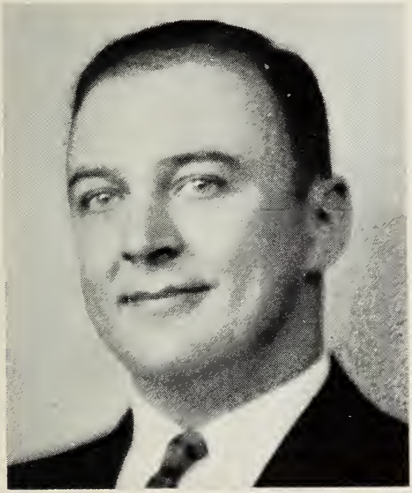
HUGH W. FELKER, son of Merritt and Maude Wilson Felker, was born near Leaf River, Ill., Nov. 20, 1902. He graduated from the Leaf River High School in 1919 and from the Mount Morris High School in 1920. He attended Mount Morris College for one year and then entered the University of Illinois Pharmacy School, from which he graduated in 1925, becoming a registered pharmacist in 1926. He worked in Oak Park and Rockford and in 1930 came to Mount Morris and purchased the drug business from Fred J. Dean, which he has conducted since as the Felker Pharmacy. In 1927, he married Ruth Newcomer and they have two sons, Albert and Robert. He is a member of the Mount Morris Business Men's League, the Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge. Eugene Nelson is in his employ.



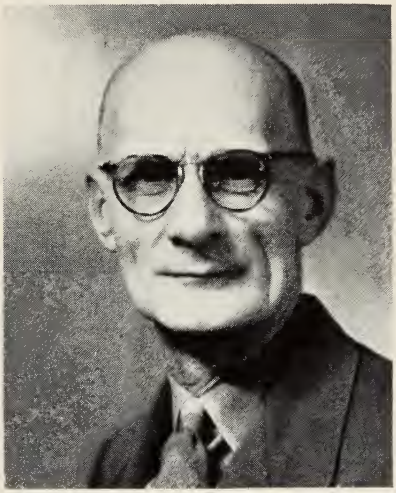
DR. OSCAR H. HILL, Optometrist, located in Mount Morris in August, 1933, and has offices in the Wishard Building. He is the son of Oscar L. and Eleanor (Smith) Hill and was born Sept. 22, 1896, at Freeport, Ill. He graduated from the Freeport High School in 1915, and attended the University of Wisconsin one year. He was drafted in the army in June, 1918, in the 48th Infantry at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and discharged from Camp Jackson, S. Car., in February, 1919. He graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry at Chicago in June, 1933, and he has since practiced in Mount Morris. Dr. Hill was married in 1921 to Madeline Schumacher.

LEROY GARMAN operates a radio shop at his home at 402 S. McKendrie Ave. He is the son of Clyde and Alva (Cupp) Garman, and he was born Sept. 21, 1909, at Polo, Ill. He attended the Dixon High School and has been in the radio business in Mount Morris since April, 1931. He was married in 1929 to Bernice Mumma and they have four children: Darlene, Darrell, Ronald and Elaine.

HERMAN HAGEMANN, who operates a service station and garage in Mount Morris, is the son of Herman and Margaret (Jenandt) Hagemann, and was born Aug. 23, 1898, at Leaf River, Ill. He finished the Fairview Grammar School in 1912 and then took up the trade of carpenter. In June, 1933, he started in the service station and garage business for himself. He employes Ross Stouffer as assistant. Mr. Hagemann was married in 1923 to Ella Avey and they have five children: Iola, Arnold, Duane, Jerry and Charles.



HARPER KOONTZ, who owns the Royal Blue Grocery, is the son of Valentine and Bertha (Wishard) Koontz and was born May 2, 1906, at Waynesboro, Pa. He attended the Waynesboro High School and came to Mount Morris first as an employe and later as a partner of W. A. Robinson. In 1932, he purchased the grocery business from J. E. Clapper. He employs Burton Ferguson and Harold Blake. He was married in 1934 to Alice Siple and has an adopted daughter, Betty Jean.



ROBERT S. KELSEY, owner of Kelsey's Meat Market, is the son of Emanuel and Mary (McFee) Kelsey and was born April 16, 1887, in Atwood, Ontario, Canada. He attended public schools at LaMoille and Shurtleff College at Alton, Ill. He came to Mount Morris from LaMoille, Ill., in 1909 and established his present business in 1916. He employs Harry Meader. He was married in 1911 to June Noble and they have two children, Roderick N. and Isabelle June. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge. The family home is at 209 E. Front Street.

ORVILLE HAZZARD came to Mount Morris in 1928 as manager of the local store of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., which is located at 205 W. Main St. Other employes are Merle and LaVern Stouffer. Mr. Hazzard is the son of Dorr and Nettie (Palmer) Hazzard and was born May 1, 1900, at Leaf River, Ill. He attended the Byron High School. He was married in 1927 to Esther Culler and they have a daughter, Jean.

DOLORUS HUFFMAN is the proprietor of the Dolorus Dress Shop at 119 S. Wesley Ave. She is the wife of Gerald Huffman and came to Mount Morris in 1931 from Anderson, Ind. She is a graduate of the Anderson High School and of the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music, Indianapolis, Ind. She is an unusually accomplished pianist, and gives piano lessons.

LESLIE C. LUNDGREN, cashier of the Citizens State Bank, was born Aug. 12, 1900, at Alexis, Ill. He graduated from the Alexis High School in 1919 and later attended Knox College at Galesburg, Ill. He was employed in various banks and later as bank examiner and bank receiver. He came here from Mount Carroll in 1935 to become cashier of the Citizens State Bank. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Masons.

ROBERT W. HOUGH, senior partner of the Hough Hardware Company, is the son of William and Maria (Braithwaite) Hough, and was born Dec. 15, 1874, at Compton, Ill. He graduated from the Paw Paw High School and took commercial correspondence work. He came to Mount Morris in 1910 and with Archie Davison purchased the Price & Blair hardware. They operated as Hough & Davison until Jan. 1, 1927, when Mr. Davison retired from the business. Since then, Mr. Hough and his son, Gerald, have run the business as a partnership. He served two terms on the local board of education, and is now justice of the peace. Mr. Hough was married in 1898 to May Yetter and they had two sons, Gerald and Erwin (deceased). The family has considerable musical talent and at one time all four of the family were members of the Kable band. Mrs. Hough was pipe organist at the Methodist Church for 22 years.

ERNEST LUNDIN, proprietor of the Home Service Laundry, 111 E. Hitt Street, was born Jan. 24, 1891, in Skane, Sweden. He attended school in Sweden and was engaged in farming after coming to the United States. He came to Mount Morris in 1934 from Princeton, Ill. He was married in 1935 to Mrs. Julia Slaughter Miller.

EDGAR S. MUMMA, son of Samuel P. and Louisa (Swingley) Mumma, was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 24, 1876. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and Mount Morris College. His early life was spent in the live stock business with his father, and from 1902 to 1915 he engaged in farming. In 1915, he purchased the Wm. Shank farm, east of town, which he farmed until 1937, when he moved to town. For twelve years he was manager of the Mount Morris Shipping Ass'n. Mr. Mumma was married in 1905 to Kathryn Thomas, daughter of Henry L. and Mary Ellen Thomas. They have a daughter, Dorothy June, who married Theodore Swan. A son, Robert, died in infancy.

CRAWFORD MENDENHALL, owner of the Gamble Store in Mount Morris, is the son of W. H. and Julia (Steelman) Mendenhall and was born July 17, 1909, at Benton, Ill. He graduated from the High School at Green Mountain, Iowa, and from Mount Morris College in 1932. He married Irene Gilbert in September, 1934.

DANIEL L. MILLER, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, is the son of Michael E. and Elizabeth (Welty) Miller and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 24, 1885. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1905 and from Mount Morris College in 1911. He took post-graduate work at Northwestern University at Evanston. He played professional base ball as pitcher in several minor leagues. While pitching for the Dixon Browns, he shut out the Chicago White Sox, giving only three hits, and pitched one game of 19 innings with a score ending 0-0. He pitched three no-hit games during his baseball career. Mr. Miller served as bookkeeper and cashier in the Citizens State Bank for nine years and is now engaged in the general insurance and real estate business. He has served as grade school trustee, treasurer of Mount Morris Township, village trustee, secretary and treasurer of Oak Wood Cemetery Association and is now village treasurer and secretary-treasurer of Mount Morris Elevator Company. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge and Freeport Consistory. Mr. Miller was married in 1918 to Maude M. Rahn and they have two sons, Ronald E. and Edward L.

BARNEY E. MANFIELD, dealer in poultry, eggs, cream, hides and wool, is a native of Poustuff, Russia, where he was born Dec. 2, 1879. He served in the Russian Army in 1899 and came to the United States in 1903. He worked in New York City, Sycamore, Rochelle and Oregon and located in Mount Morris in 1908, to go into the junk business. He married Jennie Weaver in February, 1917, who assists him in his business.

MOLLY HARRINGTON, owner of the Harrington Beauty & Barber Shop, came to Mount Morris from Freeport in 1933, where she previously operated a beauty shop. She has in her employ William P. Heiter and Hilda B. White. Miss Harrington is the daughter of George B. and Anna (Bons) Harrington and was born at Forreston, where she graduated from the Forreston High School in 1908.

LANAH H. NEWCOMER has conducted a successful insurance and real estate business in Mount Morris for twenty-five years, taking over the business of her husband, Henry E. Newcomer, after his death in 1906. She has been secretary of the Mount Morris Building and Loan Association since its organization in 1926. Mrs. Newcomer was born on the Janssen homestead five miles northwest of Mount Morris. She was married to Henry E. Newcomer in 1904, who died March 6, 1906.

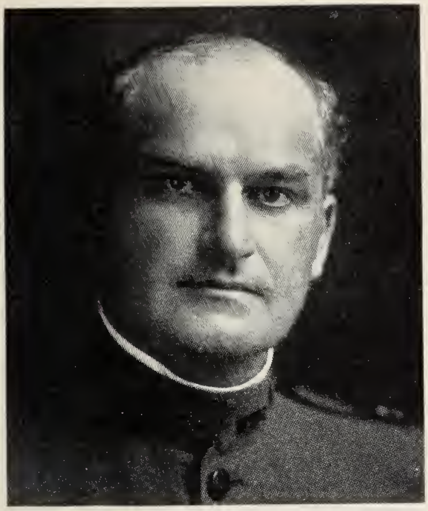
NORMAN JEWETT, owner of the D. & J. Barber Shop, is the son of Frank and Matilda (Fenten) Jewett and was born Jan. 3, 1909, at Amboy, Ill. He graduated from the Amboy High School in 1925 and came to Mount Morris in August, 1933, having purchased the McNett Barber Shop. He belongs to the Business Men's League and the Masons. He was married in August, 1937, to Ethelyn Schrock.

CHARLES LAMB, owner of the Granada Theater, came to Mount Morris in 1930 when he purchased the motion picture theater from Henry Laughlin. He has made many improvements in the theater. He has in his employ Claude Arbogast, Donald Diehl and Evelyn Graf. He is the son of Charles and Bena (Young) Lamb and was born Jan. 11, 1867, in Middletown, Ohio. He attended the Middletown schools. He belongs to the Mount Morris Business Men's League and is a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Lamb was married in 1901 to Clara Hesel and they have a son, Russell, who lives at Oregon.

LUHRS' COFFEE SHOP is operated in the Brayton Building by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Luhrs and daughter, Maude. Mr. Luhrs is a native of Germany and a naturalized citizen of the United States. The family moved to Mount Morris in December, 1937, from a farm near Oregon. The restaurant which they are operating was first opened in 1930 by Mr. and Mrs. Pettit and has changed hands a number of times since then.

C. F. MAMMENGA, in partnership with Atty. Frank Kerr, maintains law offices in the Wishard Building, with their principal offices in Oregon. The partners have been members of this firm since December, 1927. Mr. Mammenga, the senior member, was born and raised near Oregon. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington and was admitted to the bar in 1917. Mr. Kerr also graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1924. This capable firm of lawyers has a considerable clientele in Mount Morris as well as in Oregon.

HOWARD G. NEWCOMER has been identified with the grocery business in Mount Morris for many years. At present he is night clerk at the Kable Inn. He is the son of Arthur M. and Laura (Shank) Newcomer and has lived his entire life in Mount Morris except a few years spent in Chicago.



DR. CHARLES J. PRICE has been a practicing physician in Mount Morris since 1900. He is the son of Jacob and Ann Brown Price and was born April 26, 1875, at Forreston, Ill. He attended the Forreston High School and the University of Illinois. In 1900, he graduated from the Northwestern University and Hahnemann Medical College, and began his practice in Mount Morris. He enlisted in the Medical Corps July 14, 1918, in the World War. At present he is a member of the U.S. Army Medical Reserves with the rank of major. He belongs to a number of medical and army organizations; also the Masons, Commandery and Shrine. In 1902, Dr. Price married Agnes Belle Chase and they have two children, Margaret (Mrs. James Sathrum) and William.

K. R. LEEKLEY, who has operated the plumbing business in Mount Morris since 1917, is the son of John and Caroline (Roberts) Leekley and was born Dec. 10, 1878, at Galena, Ill. During the Spanish-American War, he served in Porto Rico with Company M, 6th Volunteer Infantry. He was married in August, 1917, to Maggie Raney and they have four children: Robert, Oscar, Richard and Ruth.

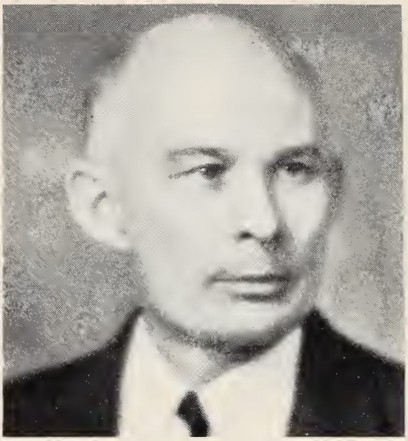
JARVIS MESSER has been in the dairy business since April, 1937, at 8 E. Center St. He is the son of Vance and Tina (Waycaster) Messer and was born May 25, 1902, at Waynesville, N. C. He came to Mount Morris in 1914 from Stilwell, Okla. He worked for the Buser Concrete Construction Company from 1918 to 1923 and as salesman with Swift & Company, from 1923 to 1933. He married Naomi Esterly in 1923 and they have three children: Norman, Bernydine and Ronald.

LEROY F. KEEDY, owner of the barber shop on East Main Street, is the son of Frank C. and Altha (Coffman) Keedy and was born at Mount Morris, July 30, 1904. He attended the Mount Morris High School and later learned the barber trade, becoming a licensed barber in 1926. He worked in Sterling, Polo, Oregon and Rockford before starting in business for himself in Mount Morris.

FLOYD A. MILLER, local manager of the Smith Oil Company, is the son of Isaac and Lydia (Lohr) Miller and was born Oct. 23, 1896, at Adeline, Ill. He came to Mount Morris in 1922 and since 1924 has been manager of the Smith Oil Company. Mr. Miller was married in 1922 to Florence Allen and they have one son, Robert.

MISS VELMA CARSON conducts the Carney Beauty Salon at 7 S. Wesley Ave. She purchased the business in August, 1938, from Bernice McMullen. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Hayenga and was born at Oregon. She is a graduate of the Rochelle High School and received training in beauty culture at Moller's Beauty School, from which she graduated in 1937.

DR. DONALD RIEDL, dentist, located in Mount Morris in January, 1933. He is the son of Henry and Bessie (Moore) Riedl, and was born Nov. 22, 1907, at Chicago, Ill. He graduated from the Austin High School in 1925 and received the degree of DDS from the University of Illinois in 1932. He is a member of the Masons and Eastern Star, and is a Captain in the Dental Reserve Corps of the U.S. Army. He is a member of the Winnebago Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society, and the American Dental Association. He was married in 1932 to Gladys Moon and they have a son, Donald Eugene.



DR. J. H. RITSON has been a practicing dentist in Mount Morris since 1902. He was born in Elk County, Pa., in 1875, and graduated from the Bay City, Mich., High School. He received his D.D.S. degree from Northwestern School of Dentistry in 1902 and started his practice in Mount Morris. He was president of the Village Board of Trustees for three terms, during which the water and sewer systems were installed. He was also president of District No. 61 school board for three terms, including the year when the new building was erected. He married Miss McKinglen and they had four children: Ruth (Mrs. Darrell Toms), Grace, Alice (Mrs. Karl Zastrow), and Joseph.

LLOYD F. DIEHL operates the Johnson Service Station in Mount Morris, succeeding Leo McMullen in July, 1938. He was born Feb. 17, 1897, at Panora, Iowa, son of Frank M. and Della (Heasley) Diehl. He purchased the trucking business of C. H. Newcomer in the spring of 1936. He is married and has two children, Russell F. and Helen L. The Johnson Service Station is located on the corner of Wesley Ave. and Hitt St.

EDWARD H. McGEE has been in the plastering and building material business in Mount Morris since 1914. In June, 1936 the business was incorporated with J. H. McGee, president and treasurer, E. H. McGee, secretary, and O. M. McGee, vice president. Mr. McGee is the son of John F. and Maggie (Van Allen) McGee and was born Sept. 24, 1882, at Little Falls, N.Y. He attended the grade and high schools at Fultonville, N.Y., and the Waterville Poultry School. During the Spanish-American War, he served in the 7th and 15th Cavalry for four years and was discharged in May, 1903. He is a member of the local Masonic Lodge. He was married in 1911 to Odelia M. Tice and they have three children, John H., James L., and Jane Louise.

FRANK A. NACHTMAN, proprietor of the South Side Barber Shop, is the son of Frank A. and Mary (Steinkerchn) Nachtman and was born Dec. 29, 1894, at Dyersville, Iowa. During the war he enlisted in July, 1918, and served at Camp Sheridan, Ala., in the 209th Engineers. He was discharged in December, 1918. He is a member of the American Legion. He came to Mount Morris in 1926 from Dubuque, Iowa, as barber for Fred O'Hara and purchased the shop after Mr. O'Hara's death. Earl Avey is employed by him. Mr. Nachtman was married in 1918 to Dora Koerner.

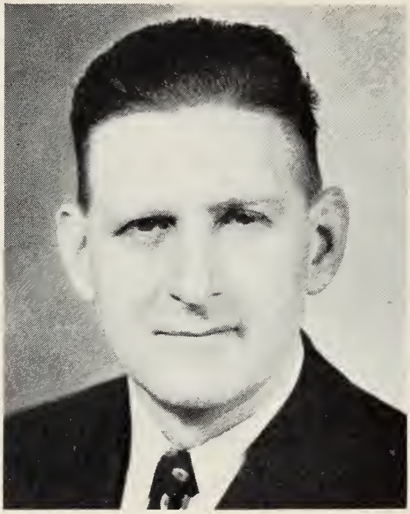
J. WALKER ROBBINS, leasee and manager of the Brayton Fruit Farm, came to Mount Morris from Rockford in 1928, where he had managed the Twin Elms Fruit & Poultry Farm. He is the son of William B. and Susan R. (Felps) Robbins, and was born Feb. 14, 1882, at Salisbury, Mo. He graduated from the Armstrong (Mo.) High School in 1898 and attended the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A. night school from 1906 to 1908. From 1908 to 1912, he took a course at the Drexel Conservatory of Music and Expression in Chicago. He has been very active in farm organization work. He organized the Winnebago County Farm Bureau in 1920 and has been a director and secretary-treasurer of the Ogle County Farm Bureau for four years. He is also president of the Ogle County Farmers' Institute, and is a life member of the Illinois Horticulture Society, which he served as president from 1931 to 1934. He has served as local Boy Scout executive for two years and has been secretary of the Mount Morris High School board since 1932. Mr. Robbins was married to Ruth Onthank in 1912, and they have four children: Kathryn (Mrs. Leslie Watt), Phyllis, Robert and J. Walker Jr.

PRICE STOUFFER, son of Benj. F. and Mary Koontz Stouffer, was born Oct. 19, 1867, at Waynesboro, Pa., and came to Ogle County with his parents in 1874. He engaged in farming for many years and conducted a meat market in Mount Morris for seven years. In recent years he has been a live stock dealer and for 20 years has been a successful auctioneer. He served for six years on the village board and as trustee of the Old Folks' Home. He is a member of the Brethren Church. In 1889, he married Emma Haugh and they had five children as follows: Boyd, Raymond (deceased), Mary, Mabel and Ross. They own their home at 107 W. Hitt St.

C. H. NEWCOMER operates an automobile agency and service garage at No. 4 Hannah Avenue. He handles the Oldsmobile, Willys and Norge line of electrical appliances. He is the son of H. H. and Jane (Harmon) Newcomer and was born in Mount Morris, May 9, 1893. He graduated from the Rahe School of Mechanics in Kansas City in 1913 and enlisted in Naval Aviation service at Great Lakes, Ill., in 1917. He trained there for eight months and was then transferred to Rock-A-Way Aviation Base at Long Island, N.Y. He was discharged Sept. 30, 1921. He is a member of the American Legion. Mr. Newcomer was married in 1935 to Emma Zumdahl.

EVERETT R. SMITH, owner of the Pasturite Dairy, is the son of Alfred D. and Louise (Rosencrans) Smith. He was born in 1895 at Albany, Ill. He attended the public schools in Albany and came here from Morrison in January, 1937, having purchased the dairy business from Mrs. Ethel Coleman, which he now operates as the Pasturite Dairy. He was married in 1917 to Edith Ann Frost and they have two children, Louise (Mrs. Kenneth Anderson) and Jeanne.

GUERDON A. REED succeeded C. Ripp as manager of Kroger's Grocery in October, 1937. He is the son of John and Luella (Whitham) Reed and was born May 12, 1900, at Platteville, Wis. He graduated from Platteville State Teachers' College in 1919 and taught mathematics and manual arts for five years in Wisconsin. Previous to coming here he had been connected with the Western Cooperative Egg & Poultry Association of Tacoma, Wash. He enlisted in 1918 in Student Army Training Corps at Platteville, Wis. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Fox Lake, Wis. Mr. Reed was married in 1923 to Lucile Siney and they have two children, Guerdon A., Jr., and Wesley S.



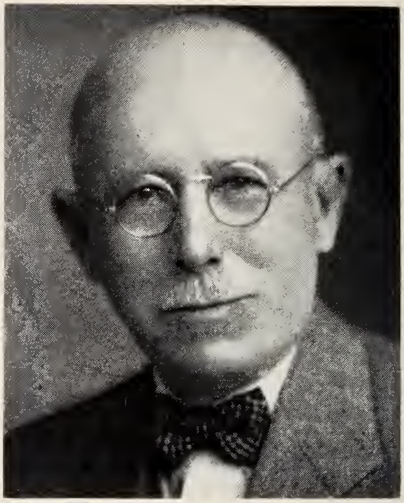
W. BOYD STOUFFER, son of Price and Emma (Haugh) Stouffer, was born Aug. 9, 1890, at Maryland, Ill. He graduated from Mount Morris high school in 1908 and finished commercial and liberal arts courses at Mount Morris College in 1912. For ten years he was employed in the advertising and circulation departments of the Poultry Tribune. Then he engaged in the poultry business until 1920, when he went into the hatchery business. He now operates hatcheries in Mount Morris, Oregon and Rochelle. He has associated with him in Mount Morris, James D. Edenbo, who came from Connelsville, Pa. Mr. Stouffer was married in 1923 to Pearl Butterbaugh, and they have two children, Virginia Lois and Sherwood Noel.

NELSON H. RITTENHOUSE, son of A. H. and Etta M. (Shirk) Rittenhouse, was born June 25, 1908, at Elgin, Ill. He attended the Elgin grammar school and graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1926. He also graduated from Mount Morris College with the Class of

1931, and in 1932 took the physical science course at the University of Chicago. He was ordained into the ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 1930 and has been pastor of the Pine Creek Church since 1933. He has been engaged in newspaper distribution for Rockford newspapers since 1920 and in general motor transportation for the Kable plant and others since 1931. Mr. Rittenhouse was married in 1930 to Virginia Hagemann and they live at 109 W. Main St.

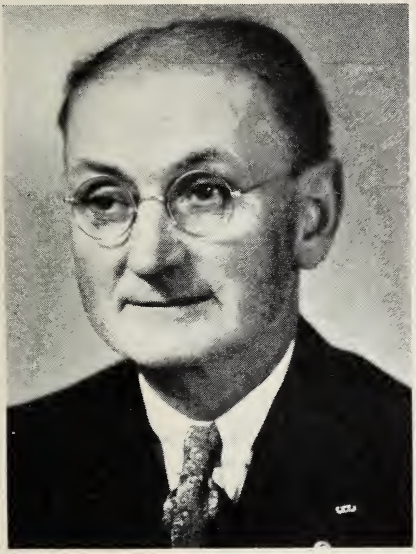
DR. H. J. STENGEL, physician and surgeon, is the son of Joseph E. and Anna (Wilt) Stengel. He was born in Mount Morris, July 17, 1904; graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1922; attended Carthage College 1922-1925 and graduated from Loyola University School of Medicine in 1929. He located in Mount Morris in 1931 and has offices in the Wishard Building. He is the village health officer, a member of the local Masonic Lodge and various medical societies. In August, 1932, he married Helen Anderson and they reside at 211 Emily Street.

W. A. ROBINSON came to Mount Morris in 1926 and operated a meat market for three years, then moved to his present quarters where he operates a grocery and meat market. He is the son of Charles and Cynthia (Williams) Robinson and was born Jan. 4, 1882, at Morris, Ill. He graduated from the Niles, Mich., High School in 1899. He is a member of the Mount Morris Business Men's League. At present he has in his employ Valorris Van Arsdale, Peter H. Peterson, Leonard Derby, Ralph Schell, Arthur Barnhart, Kenneth Kretsinger and Vincent Reinema. Mr. Robinson was married in 1905 to Katherine O'Dare and they have an adopted son, Robert L.



DAN B. STARKEY, owner of the Kable Inn, came to Mount Morris in 1925 as editor of *Outdoor Recreation* and president of the Recreation Publishing Co. He is a native of Wisconsin and was for years a newspaper man, serving as political editor, Washington correspondent, and filling many positions, including that of war correspondent during the Spanish-American War. He was private secretary to Governor Edward Scofield of Wisconsin and was given the title of "Colonel" as the result of serving as a special aid-de-camp and military secretary of the Wisconsin National Guard. He became a publisher through the purchase of the Northwestern Sportsman, which was later changed to the Outer's Book and later to Outdoor Recreation. It was moved to Mount Morris in 1925. In 1927, it merged with Outdoor Life, by which name it is still known. Col. Starkey took over the Kable Inn in April, 1933, and has striven to make the hotel an institution in which the community could take pride. He has regarded the hotel not merely as a private business but as a public responsibility. When the nation-wide celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday was planned in January, 1934, Col. Starkey decided to do something about it. By telegraphing the White House he found out that the President's favorite dish was scrambled eggs, which were served at the dinner. The Associated Press and the Columbia Broadcasting Company gave this wide publicity.

Col. Starkey has attracted a great deal of attention by the Kable Inn art galleries. Knowing there was considerable artistic talent in Mount Morris he conceived the idea of letting the local artists exhibit their work on the walls of the lobby and dining room. Later artists from other localities were invited to display their paintings and over 2,000 paintings have been displayed in this manner including those of Theodore Johnson, Theodosia Park Breed, John Nolf, Holger Jensen, Oscar Soellner, Florence Wilkins Furst, Anna Coy, Marques E. Reitzel, Myrtle Royer Myers, and others. Local artists who have exhibited their work are Dorothy Niman, Milledge Newton, Burton Avey, Lloyd Wright, Trine Mann, Lizzie Shirk, Mrs. Ira Hendrickson, James Ferguson and Maude McClure. These exhibits have attracted people from a wide range of territory and have been the means of considerable publicity for the Inn and Mount Morris.

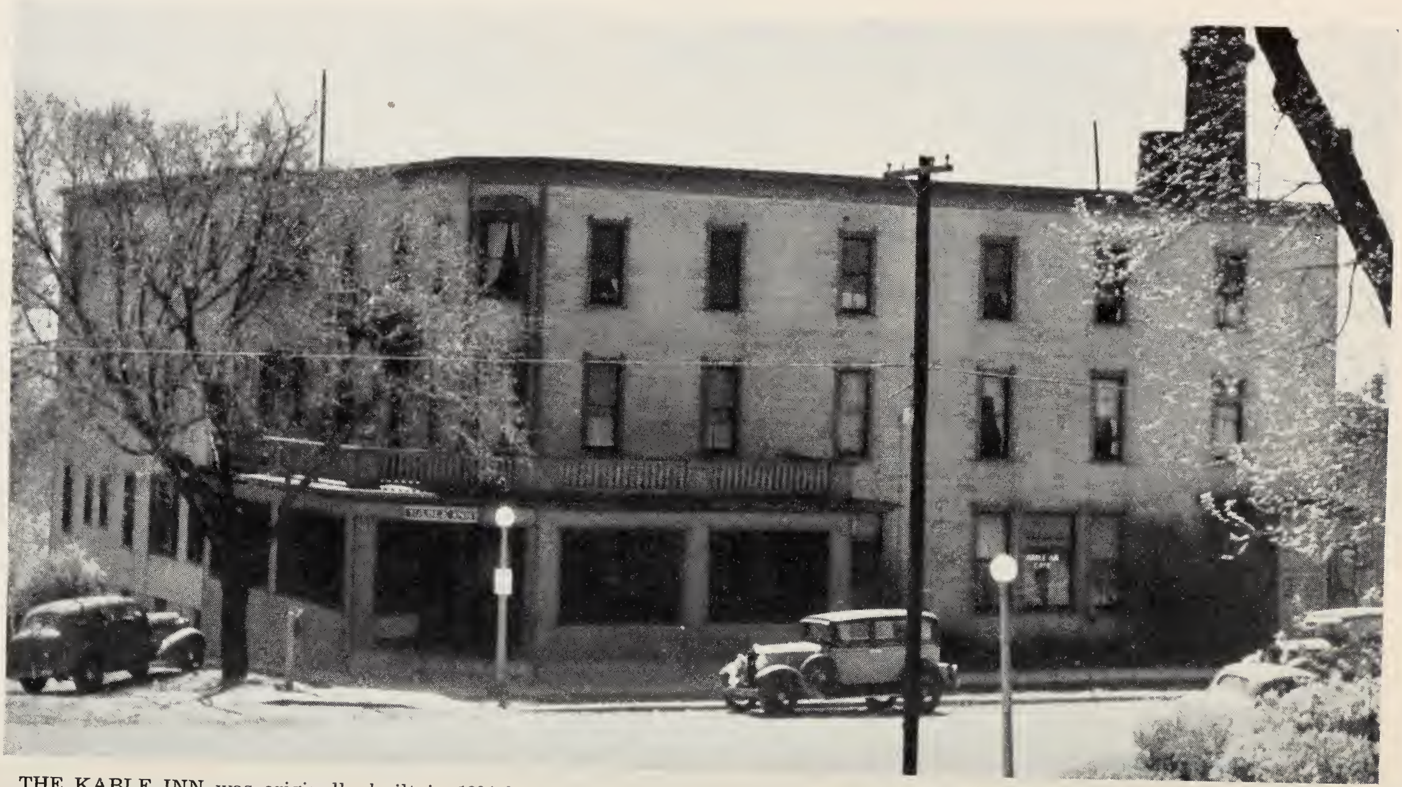


O. E. STOUFFER, owner of the Mount Morris Dairy, is the son of Hiram and Annie (Ridenour) Stouffer and was born in Mount Morris, Sept. 22, 1882. He attended Mount Morris Public School, graduated from the State Center (Iowa) High School in 1900 and attended Iowa State College at Ames. He engaged in farming for a number of years and for the last twenty years has owned and operated the Mount Morris Dairy. He employes Clarence Carr and George Hamilton. Mr. Stouffer was married in 1905 to Effa Carr.

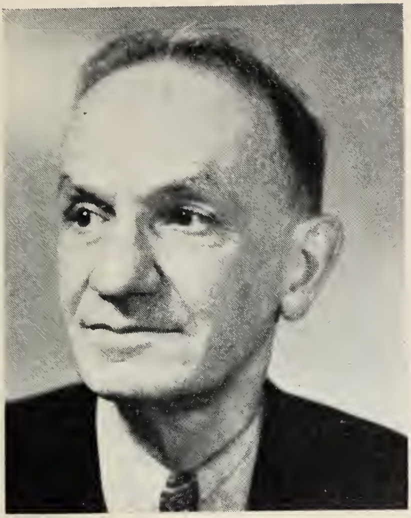
DR. DAVID F. STEVENS, veterinarian, is the son of David F. and Elizabeth (Fisher) Stevens. He was born March 5, 1852, at Three Springs, Pa. He attended public school in Pennsylvania and graduated in 1888 from the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Ont., Canada, and became a licensed veterinarian. He has practiced in Mount Morris continuously since 1888. He is a Past Master and oldest living member of the local Masonic Lodge. Dr. Stevens was married in 1898 to Mrs. Dora Rohrer and they have one son, Forrest. See picture on page 352.

MRS. HANNAH C. SHOOK, insurance agent, whose maiden name was Hannah Sikkink, was born at Sheboygan, Wis., and married J. H. F. Shook in 1892. They have six children: Marilla (Mrs. Ed. Heusinkveld), Eva (Mrs. Frank Graf), Bessie (Mrs. Lester Nunn), Warren F., John C., and Merlin L. Mrs. Shook is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic and formerly practiced in Mount Morris and Oregon with her son-in-law, L. E. Nunn. She came to Mount Morris in 1921 and is now in the insurance business.

RALPH R. THOMAS, retired farmer and member of the high school board, is the son of Geo. S. and Elizabeth (Wolf) Thomas and was born Aug. 6, 1885, near Leaf River, Ill. He learned the trade of blacksmith and wagon-maker and followed that trade for seven years in Wisconsin; lived in California for 14 years, and has been a resident in or near Mount Morris for 22 years, where he has been active in farm and school affairs. In 1907 he married Edith May Buterbaugh and they have six children: Grover S., Mary E. (Mrs. Oscar Barnhart), Robert E., Florence E. (Mrs. Wm. Suhring), Helen E. and Ada Fern.



THE KABLE INN was originally built in 1894 by Chas. Rohrer and was known as Hotel Rohrer. In 1898 it was sold to A. T. Olson, who operated it as the Olson Hotel until 1921, when it was purchased by Kable Brothers Company and it was enlarged and completely refurnished. The name was changed to the Kable Inn and was managed by Mrs. Robert Malmberg for several years, then by Elmer Snowberger, followed by Robert Harvey. O. W. Wright purchased the property in June, 1928, and after several years sold it to Dan Starkey, who is the present owner.

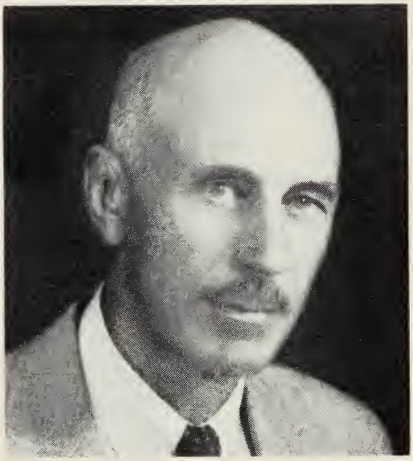


C. C. WEAVER has owned and operated a jewelry store in Mount Morris since 1926. He came here originally from Freeport in 1917 to open a branch jewelry store for a Freeport firm, Emerick & Ringer. He is the son of George and Anna (Clair) Weaver and was born May 31, 1876, at Freeport, Ill. He attended the Freeport schools and then learned the jewelers trade. He was married twice, his second wife being Miss Mabel Shaw. He has two children, Elmore and Margaret, by his first marriage.

FRANK SECKY, who operates the recreation hall and tavern in the Baker Building, is the son of Joseph and Anna (Ruzicka) Secky and was born Jan. 23, 1893, in Prachovice, Czechoslovakia. He attended grammar school in his native country and came to the United States in 1910, receiving his citizenship papers in 1918. He enlisted in the army in 1917 at Schenectady, N. Y., in Company E, 2nd Infantry, New York National Guard. He was transferred to the 42nd Machine Gun Battalion, 50th Infantry, at Fort Riley, Kans. He belongs to the Business Men's League and the American Legion. He was married in 1913 in New York to Betty Wokal.

EUGENE B. TRACY, Junior member of the contracting firm of D. C. Tracy & Son, is the son of Dennis C. and Mae (Baker) Tracy and was born Jan. 29, 1909, at Mount Morris. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1926 and has since engaged in carpenter work. In 1935, he went into partnership with his father with the firm name of D. C. Tracy & Son. Mr. Tracy was married in 1935 to Nelle Garrison and they live at 302 Emily Street.

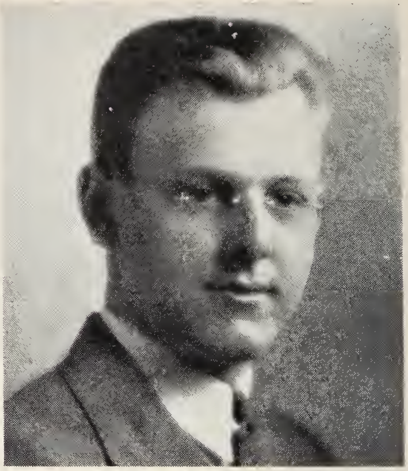
JOHN SPRECHER & Company is probably the oldest continuous business firm in Mount Morris. In April, 1866, John Sprecher and Henry H. Clevidence started the business under the name of Sprecher & Clevidence. This partnership continued until March, 1891, when they sold out to L. C. Stanley of Chippewa Falls, Wis. In the fall of 1893, John Sprecher started in business again under the firm name of John Sprecher & Co., and continued until his death in April, 1911. Since then, the business has been carried on under the efficient management of Katherine Sprecher Miller, ably assisted by her two brothers, Charles C. and Wentworth Sprecher. The firm is now composed of Katherine Sprecher Miller, Wentworth W. Sprecher, Ella B. Sprecher and Addie May Axton as equal partners. The company conducts a very complete dry goods business.



CHARLES A. WISHARD was born July 25, 1873, at Waynesboro, Pa. He graduated from the Waynesboro High School in 1892 and attended the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Baltimore, Md. He came to Mount Morris in 1898 and since that time has been actively engaged in various enterprises. He was in the meat market business for eight years with Upton Powell; he built the Central Garage and sold automobiles for six years. He started the first motion picture theatre in what is now Hagemann's Service Station. In 1920, he built the large building which bears his name on the corner of Wesley and Main Streets. He has served as president of the Citizens State Bank since 1924. He is now operating a number of large farms in the vicinity of Mount Morris. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, but was not called for service. He was a member of the Illinois National Guard for four years. In 1904, he married Elizabeth Stoner, and they had two daughters, Mary and Mildred. Mrs. Wishard passed away in 1928.

HARRY SCHMUCKER, who was in the garage business in Mount Morris from 1934 to 1938, purchased the Granada Cafe in March, 1938, from Elgin Bucher. Mr. Schmucker was born Aug. 13, 1896, at Johnstown, Pa. He attended grade and high school at Dixon, Ill., and took training in automotive mechanics at Detroit. During the war, he entered the motor transportation corps at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in May, 1917. He is past president of the Mount Morris Business Men's League, member of the American Legion and the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Schmucker was married to Stella Sorrenson and they have four children: Charles, Stanley, Harriet and Margaret.

DENNIS C. TRACY, head of the contracting firm of D. C. Tracy & Son, is the son of Benjamin F. and Mary J. (Potter) Tracy and was born in Mount Morris, May 19, 1879. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and took a business course in Mount Morris College. He learned the carpenter trade under his father and Samuel Kinsey, who were partners in the contracting business. He worked with his father until his death in 1910 and then continued in the business until 1935, when his son, Eugene, became associated with him under the firm name of D. C. Tracy & Son. Mr. Tracy has erected a number of important buildings in Mount Morris, including the Brethren Church, part of the High School Building, Baker Building, Sharer Garage and others. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Village from 1922 to 1926, the last two years as president. He is a member of the Masons and Modern Woodmen. He was married in 1903 to Mae M. Baker and they have three sons: Harold, Eugene and Dennis.



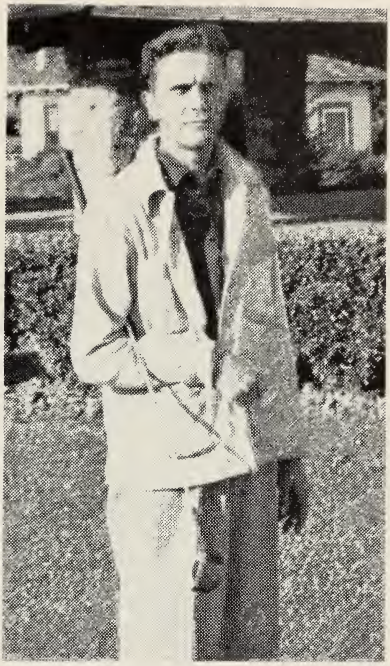
RALPH H. ZICKUHR is the proprietor of the Mount Morris Pharmacy which he purchased from O. E. Marshall in March, 1937. He is the son of Henry C. and Augusta (Krueger) Zickuhr and was born Sept. 4, 1910, at Marengo, Ill. He is a graduate of the Marengo High School and received his Ph.G. degree from the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy in 1932. He has in his employ O. E. Marshall and Annette Towns. Mr. Zickuhr married Alice J. Driver in 1935 and they have a daughter, Sylvia Jean.

THOMAS I. SPRECHER, owner of a grocery store in Mount Morris, is the son of Franklin and Annie (Ringer) Sprecher.

He was born Dec. 9, 1874, in Hagerstown, Md., and graduated from the Hagerstown High School in 1893, and also graduated from Wolf's Business College in Hagerstown. He served in the Spanish-American War with Co. B, First Maryland Infantry, from April, 1898, to February, 1899. He came to Mount Morris in 1899 and worked as a clerk in various stores until 1932 when he purchased the grocery business from Fred Middlekauff estate. He was married in 1925 to Beatrice Johnson and they have a son, Thomas Barton.

CHARLES WENTWORTH SHARER, owner of the Sharer Garage, is the son of Charles H. and Susan (McCosh) Sharer and was born in Mount Morris, April 18, 1889. He graduated from Mount Morris High School, attended Mount Morris College and graduated from Northwestern University in 1913. He enlisted during the World War, in April, 1917, at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., and was assigned to the 17th Cavalry, regular U. S. Army. After the armistice was signed he was transferred to the 8th Cavalry. He was discharged in September, 1919. He worked in the office of Kable Brothers Company for several years and served as mathematics teacher and athletic coach in Mount Morris High School, also as coach in Mount Morris College for several years. In 1923, he started in the automobile and garage business and in 1924 erected the present building in which he operates a repair shop and is agent for the Chevrolet automobile and the John Deere farm machinery. He employs Samuel Frey, A. E. Clevidence, Frederick Fouke and Paul Mongan.

WILLIAM WOHLSCHLEGEL came to Mount Morris from Aurora, Ill., in September, 1935, to become manager and athletic director of the Community Gymnasium. He is the son of Adam and Otillie Wohlschlegel and was born Dec. 1, 1908, at Mannheim, Baden, Germany. He attended the public schools and the Handelschule Business School at Mannheim. He came to America and was naturalized in 1931. He has two brothers, Ludwig and Karl, living in Germany. Ludwig is a Schutzstaffel (picked Hitler guard). His father fought as a German commanding officer during the World War. Mr. Wohlschlegel was married June 12, 1938, to Katherine Bintener, of Aurora.

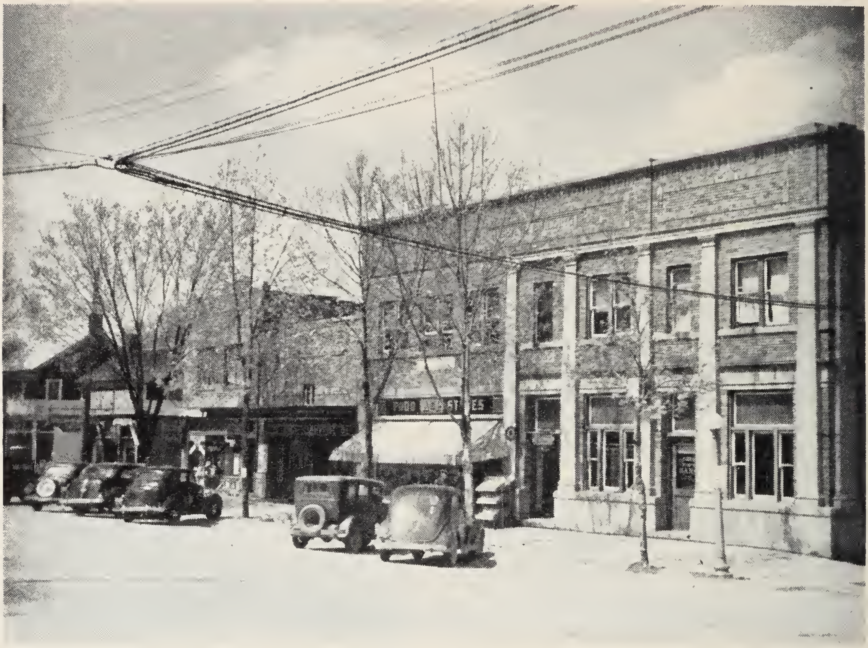


VICTOR P. SOITZ, professional at the Sunset Golf Club, is recognized as a competent teacher and an excellent player. He came to take charge of the local club in the spring of 1938 after seven years service with the Southmoor Golf Club at Palos Park, on the south side of Chicago. Mr. Soitz is unmarried.

THE MOUNT MORRIS COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM

The Community Gymnasium, which is one of the most modern recreation centers in northwestern Illinois, was built following the destruction of the old college gymnasium by fire in April, 1931.

The building was originally constructed to be used as a college gymnasium and was financed by public contributions with the agreement that should the college ever become insolvent, it would be turned over to the village for public use. In 1932 Mount Morris College merged with North Manchester College and, as a result, the coliseum was deeded over to the village by Kable Brothers Company, who purchased the entire college property.



THE WISHARD BUILDING, in the foreground, was erected by Chas. A. Wishard in 1920. The building fronts south and is 73 by 93 feet in size. The construction was superintended by N. E. Buser. This corner was originally occupied by Mount Morris's first hotel which was built by James Clark in the early forties.

Erected at a cost of $50,000, the building contains a large swimming pool, which is operated to meet state requirements, under the sanitation code.

William Wohlschlegel has served as manager and athletic director, assisted by Willis Stouffer, since September, 1935. Prior to this, the gymnasium was managed by Charles Boston, Jay Sheldon and Cyril Ewert, at various intervals.

By special arrangement, the gymnasium is used by the grade and high schools as an athletic recreation center, and it is by the financial assistance derived from these institutions that it is possible to maintain it, without additional tax levy.

CITIZENS STATE BANK

Mount Morris's first bank was established in 1877 by Chas. Newcomer and Isaac Rice. Mr. Rice sold his interest in 1880 and Mr. Newcomer continued the bank until 1899. In the meantime, Joseph L. Rice and John H. Rice established the Citizens Bank in 1893 and in 1899 absorbed the Bank of Mount Morris. In 1914, the institution was incorporated as a state bank and the name changed to the Citizens State Bank, with Joseph L. Rice as the first president. He retired from the presidency and active interest in the bank in 1925, when Charles A. Wishard was elected and has served in that capacity up to the present time.

Other officials who have served the bank since it was incorporated were B. S. Price who was cashier from 1914 to 1920 and D. L. Miller who was cashier from 1920 to 1924. J. W. Wine came to the bank in 1923 and served in the capacity of vice-president and cashier until shortly before he died in 1926. Harold M. Knodle served as cashier from 1927 to 1931, George Snyder from 1931 to 1935, and Leslie Lundgren from 1935 to the present. Fred J. Dean was elected vice-president in 1927 and has been active in the bank since March 1, 1930.

The present officers of the bank are Charles A. Wishard, president; Fred J. Dean, vice-president; Leslie C. Lundgren, cashier; and Mary J. Stouffer, assistant cashier. The directors are Charles A. Wishard, Fred J. Dean, E. S. Mumma, Price Heckman and R. W. Hough.

MOUNT MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Mount Morris Public Library had its beginning in the Current Events Club which is still responsible for its maintenance, to some extent.

The Current Events Club was organized in 1895 with its object as a rest and change from home duties and to become more familiar with current events. Meetings are held fortnightly. The club was first named Philomathian and later changed to Current Events Club.

In early days, the members read aloud a number of books at the meetings besides the current events. The early ambition of the club was to establish a public library which was first realized when each member purchased a book and exchanged it with the others. It was first cared for in the homes and by 1913 a central library was located in Clapper's store. It was later moved to the Town Hall and then to the Village Hall.

The library was transferred to the town by the club in May, 1931, through a special election approving financial assistance for its maintenance out of the tax apportionment.

In 1933, the library was moved to its present quarters on the first floor of Old Sandstone. When it was turned over to the town in 1931 there were 1,406 books on hand and at present the total number circulated is 5,725, with the yearly records showing that 14,000 or more are read each year. Many patrons from rural districts take advan-

ART STUDIO of Miss Maud McClure and her picture in upper left. Miss McClure has the distinction of being the only sculptor in Mount Morris whose work ranks as professional. She also does many other kinds of art work and has maintained her studio here for a number of years. She was born in Mount Morris and is the daughter of Robert D. McClure, granddaughter of A. Quinby Allen, and great granddaughter of Michael Swingley, who was one of the original "Maryland Colony."

tage of these library privileges.

Miss Ella Rohrer has served as librarian since June 1, 1926, and is a charter member of the Current Events Club. The assistant librarian is Miss Edith Hanstine who has served since 1933.

The present library board consists of Mrs. D. E. Thompson (president), Mrs. Agnes Price (secretary), Mrs. Fred Dean, Mrs. Harry Longman, Milo Zimmerman and Harold Ross.

The present membership of the Current Events Club is as follows: Mrs. Ira Hendrickson (president), Mrs. Wm. Hance Miller (vice-president), Mrs. Harry Longman (secretary-treasurer), Mrs. Hugh Allen, Mrs. Paul Barnhizer, Mrs. John Blakley, Mrs. Warren Burchby, Mrs. H. W. Cushing, Mrs. Fred J. Dean, Mrs. Charles Edson, Mrs. Robert O. Harvey, Mrs. Pearl Kable, Mrs. Fred V. Pearce, Mrs. Charles J. Price, Mrs. Wm. Prugh, Miss Ella Rohrer, Mrs. Fayette Rose, Mrs. Fred H. Steffen, Mrs. David E. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mrs. Clyde Walkup.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

THE Mount Morris Building and Loan Association was organized in January, 1926, with an authorized capital stock of $1,000,000.00. The original incorporators were H. G. Kable, H. J. Kable, S. C. Spalding, John W. Prendergast, S. E. Avey, W. I. Prugh, N. E. Buser, H. E. Longman, Harvey Long, and A. S. Barre.

At a meeting held Jan. 18, 1926, the following officers and directors were elected: H. G. Kable, president; J. W. Watt, vice-president; Lanah H. Newcomer, secretary; Harvey Long, treasurer; H. J. Kable, J. L. Rice, F. J. Dean, H. E. Coffman, H. E. Longman, directors. The same officers have served 12 consecutive years. Two of the directors died, H. J. Kable and J. L. Rice, and their places were taken by Robert Hough and Harold Ross.

After 12 years the association is in excellent condition under the efficient management of the secretary, Lanah H. Newcomer. The assets are in excess of $365,000.00, nearly all of which is loaned on residence property in Mount Morris. All matured stock and withdrawals are paid promptly and the association does not have a single piece of property on its hands because of foreclosure. Matured stock has netted in excess of 7% on the investment.

MOUNT MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

TWENTY-FIVE volunteer firemen comprise the local fire department which is given a 98% rating for the efficiency of its men and equipment. These men meet once each month and are drilled for action twice monthly. As a member of the Illinois Firemen's Association, this unit qualifies for financial benefits from the state. Each year two men attend the annual fire college at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Building inspections are made regularly about town.

Prior to 1924 there was no fire truck here and at times of fire it was necessary to either pull the hose cart by hand or attach it to a car and then depend entirely upon city pressure for the flow of water to quench the blaze. In 1924 the first truck was purchased and in 1930 the community truck was purchased. The present fully equipped Peter-Purch fire truck was purchased for $4,100 in November, 1936. This apparatus consists of a 500-gallon pumper, booster and hose, while that of the community truck, which was bought by the farmers, has a 300-gallon pumper and chemical tanks. Both trucks respond to all city alarms and the community truck also covers an extensive rural district.

General alarms are sounded by an electric siren which is operated from the telephone office, with other controls at the fire house and Kable plant.

The success of this department is largely due to the cooperation of Kable plant officials who make it possible for the members of the fire department to

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MEMBERS of the Mount Morris Volunteer Fire Department: (1) James Rouse, chief, (2) Syril Avey, (3) Frank Graf, (4) Max Barnhizer, (5) Ralph Crowell, (6) Kenneth Messer, (7) Fred Boegel, (8) Alfred Davis, (9) Boyd Grush, (10) O. T. McCoy, (11) Frank Nachtman, (12) Harvey Miller, (13) Lynn Elliott, (14) Walter Olsen, (15) Eli Raney, (16) Ross Silvius, (17) Walter Waddelow, (18) Paul Barnhizer, (19) Henry Dohlen, (20) Frank Hilger.

leave their regular work for fire duty, with no salary deductions, and who also maintain the third alarm control.

The organization of the volunteer firemen is as follows: Fire chief, James Rouse; assistant fire chief, O. T. McCoy; captains, Frank Hilger and Frank Graff; drivers, Paul Barnhizer, Boyd Grush, Frank Nachtman, and Harry Schmucher; pump tender, Alfred Davis; lineman, Lynn Elliott; photographer, Max Barnhizer; telephone operator, Douglas Ross; firemen, Eli Raney, Leon Beard, Kenneth Messer, Harvey Miller, Henry Dohlen, Ralph Crowell, Walter Waddelow, Charles Edson, Jay Cratty, Walter Olsen, Fred Bogel, and Wentworth Sharer; electrician, Syril Avey.

POULTRY TRIBUNE COMPANY

ONE of the important business enterprises in Mount Morris is the publishing firm incorporated under the name of Poultry Tribune Company. This company publishes three important magazines in the poultry field; viz., Poultry Tribune, Hatchery Tribune and Turkey World. The Poultry Tribune, which is the leading poultry magazine in the United States, was brought to Mount Morris from Freeport by R. R. Fisher, in order to secure the printing facilities of Kable Brothers Company. In 1917, Mr. Fisher sold the property to James W. Watt and Adon A. Yoder, who were employees of Kable Brothers Company. In 1927, a new publication was established, the Hatchery Tribune, and in 1934, Turkey World was purchased from the Lightner Publishing Company of Chicago, where the magazine was established in 1926. Mr. Yoder soon retired from the active management of the company and since that time Mr. Watt has been president and general manager. With the help of the capable staff which he has gathered around him, he has made a great success of this enterprise.

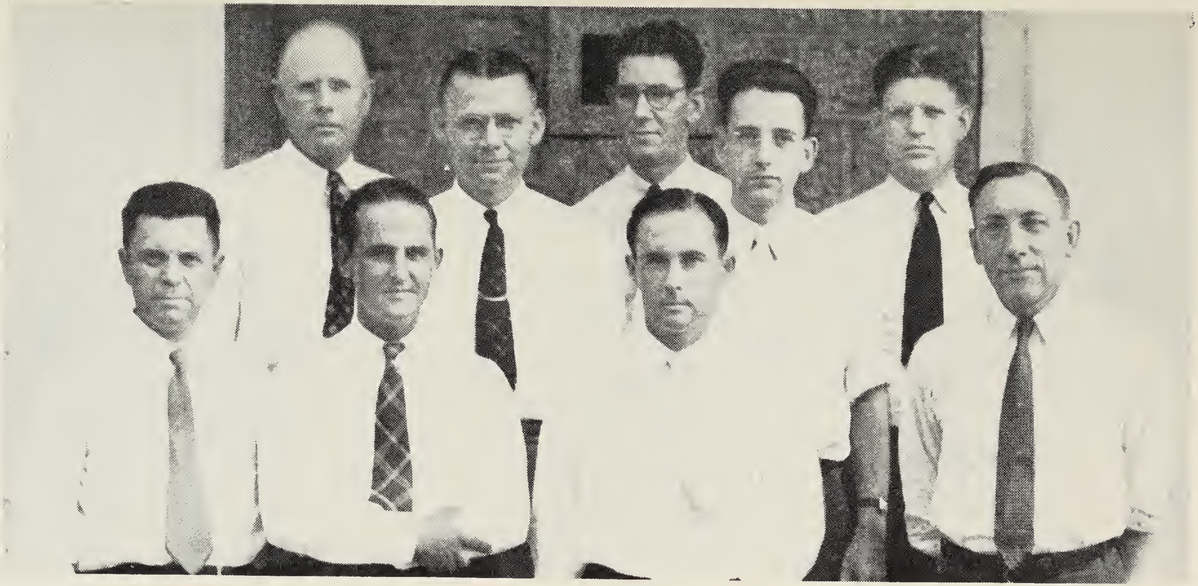
The company owns and operates a twenty-acre poultry experimental farm just south of Mount Morris where various kind of equipment, brooder houses, shelters, etc., are tested for the benefit of the readers of these magazines.

The offices of the company occupy the entire third floor of "Old Sandstone" which is rented from Kable Brothers Company. A complete list of the people connected with this organization is as follows:

J. W. Watt, president and general manager.

Leslie A. Watt, assistant publisher. Graduate in economics, University of Illinois. Circulation manager, Outdoor Life magazine, 1933-1935. With Poultry Tribune since September, 1935.

JAMES W. WATT, head of a prosperous publishing firm in Mount Morris, is the son of William and Annie (Sinclair) Watt and was born at Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, near Scotland, on March 9, 1887. He came to Mount Morris in 1913 from Hammond, Ind., and worked in the composing room of the Kable plant until 1917, when he and A. A. Yoder purchased the Poultry Tribune. The business was gradually expanded and later incorporated, with Mr. Watt as president and general manager. He has served on the boards of education of both the grade and high schools, and is a member of the board of directors of Kable Brothers Company and the Mount Morris Building & Loan Assn. Mr. Watt was married in 1912 to Florence Allen and they had one son, Leslie, who is now associated with his father in the publishing business. Mrs. Watt died Sept. 18, 1932 and Mr. Watt was married again to Marie Webster. The family home is at 6 Emily St.



EDITORIAL and Advertising Staff of the Poultry Tribune, Hatchery Tribune and Turkey World: Back row, left to right, A. P. Loomis, supt. experimental farm (succeeded in June, 1938 by Bentley Wilson); O. A. Hanke, editor; G. C. Sanderson, advertising director; L. A. Watt, asst. publisher; M. C. Small, managing editor. Front row, Charles Webster, circulation manager; Harry Yoder, advertising manager; J. H. Florea, associate editor; J. W. Watt, publisher.

O. A. Hanke, Editor. See special biography elsewhere on this page.

J. H. Florea, associate editor. Graduate in agricultural journalism, Ohio State University. With Poultry Tribune since 1929.

M. C. Small, associate editor. Graduate in poultry husbandry, Purdue University. Smith Hughes Vocational Agriculture teacher for seven years. With Poultry Tribune since 1934.

H. K. Marcott, associate editor. Graduate in agricultural journalism, University of Nebraska. Country newspaper publisher. With Poultry Tribune since 1937.

G. G. Sanderson, national advertising manager. Special training on newspapers, magazines, and as publishers' representative. Formerly manager of Dixie Poultry Journal, 1924-1927. With Poultry Tribune since 1932.

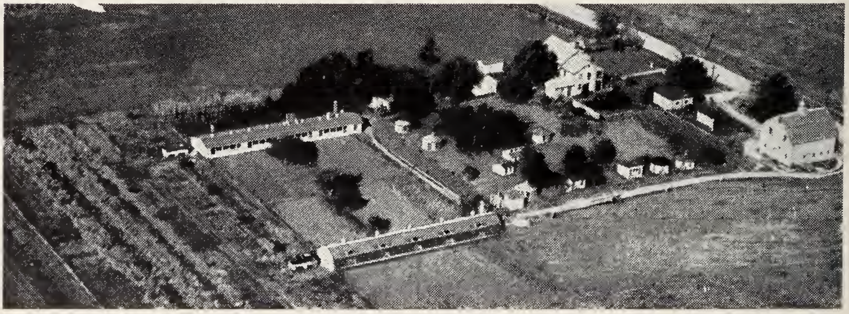
Harry W. Yoder, classified advertising manager. Formerly connected with various advertising agencies including Western Advertising Agency, Racine, Wis., and L. W. Ramsey Co., Davenport, Iowa, as copy writer and account executive. With Poultry Tribune since 1934.

Hugh Thompson, eastern advertising manager, Fanwood, N. J.

Adon Yoder, western advertising manager, Berkeley, California.

Charles Webster, circulation manager.

O. A. HANKE, son of Chas. and Bertha (Schultz) Hanke, was born March 1, 1902, at Waterloo, Wis. He graduated from the Waterloo High School in 1919 and from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1926. He was previously employed for four years by the journalism department of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture, and was superintendent of the poultry farm for one year of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, Texas. He came to Mount Morris in 1926 to join the Poultry Tribune staff and is now editor-in-chief of the Poultry Tribune, the Hatchery Tribune and the Turkey World. He has been the president of the Mount Morris High School board since 1932 and has been very active in Boy Scout work. He was president of the local Kiwanis Club in 1932. Mr. Hanke was married in 1923 to Gertrude Menz and they have two sons, Robert Warren and Harold Wayne.



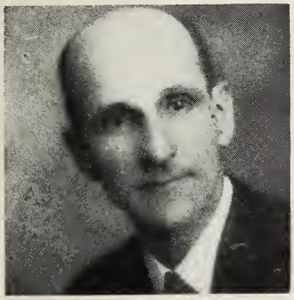
THIS airplane view shows the experimental poultry farm owned and operated by the Poultry Tribune. It is located a half mile south of Mount Morris.

Practical printing and magazine experience. Formerly layout man for Kable Brothers Company. With Poultry Tribune since 1923.

Earl Allen, layout man. Formerly with Kable Brothers Company. Practical printing experience. With Poultry Tribune since 1924.

Bentley Wilson, superintendent of Poultry Tribune Experimental Farm, which also employs Albert Summers.

Other office employees of the Poultry Tribune are as follows: Loretta Gilbert, Arminnie Boston, Josie Brinker, Rundye Delebak, Pauline Koper, Edna McNett, Vinna Dierdorff, Earl McNutt, Dorothy Niman, Fannie Stine, Catheryn Tuttle, Helen Blecker, Lois Light, Martha Albert, Mary Clark, Mae Coddington, Louise Curley, Cleo Whetsel, Wayne Wilson, Rose Coddington, Helen Thomas, Grace Weaver, Helen Curley.



ADON ALLEN YODER, Vice-President of the Poultry-Tribune Publishing Co., publishers of the *Poultry Tribune*, *Hatchery Tribune* and *Turkey World*, now living in Berkeley, Calif., managing the Western offices for his company, came to Mount Morris in 1916 as foreman of the editorial department for Kable Brothers Company. In 1917, he and J. W. Watt purchased the *Poultry Tribune* from R. R. Fisher, and he acted as editor and advertising manager until his retirement in 1927, when he moved to Chicago and bought the National Chick Advertising Agency. Selling the agency in 1929, he bought a large interest in Prater Pulverizing Company of Chicago, and became Vice-President of that company, spending most of his time in travel abroad for the next two years. In January, 1932, he opened western offices of his publications in Los Angeles, moving to Oakland the next year and to Berkeley in 1937. Mr. Yoder was born in Lynchburg, Va., on August 14th, 1877. He was graduated (B.A.) from Richmond College, Richmond, Va., in 1900, was principal of High School at Cascade, Va., for one year, preached as a Baptist minister till 1903, when he gave up that work and became book-keeper for the People's National Bank of Lynchburg, Va., for three years. In 1906, he started publication of "The Idea," a monthly, formerly a weekly political reform magazine in Lynchburg and Richmond, Va. In 1903, he was married to S. Annie Marshall, of Lynchburg, and they had three sons; Harry W., Francis M., and Adon Allen, Jr. After the death of the mother in 1915, Mr. Yoder took charge of the editorial department of the Michie Publishing Company at Charlottesville, Va., at the end of the year leaving there for a similar position in Mount Morris. Since the death of his first wife he has married three times, the second and third ending in divorce. He is now living in Berkeley, Calif., with his fourth wife and they have several children. Mr. Yoder is a member of Samuel H. Davis Lodge of Masons of Mount Morris, and of Freeport Consistory.

THE MOUNT MORRIS ELEVATOR COMPANY was incorporated under the laws of Illinois in 1910 and was reorganized in 1923 as a cooperative organization for the marketing of grain. The company has a membership of ninety and a board of directors consisting of nine members as follows: Charles Zumdahl (president), John Stengel (vice-president), I. R. Hendrickson (secretary and treasurer), Ed. L. Stengel, Charles Floto, Harry Baker, Chas. Horst, Geo. Getzendaner and Joseph Young. John G. Dohlen is manager.

THE ILLINOIS NORTHERN UTILITIES COMPANY owns the electric light and gas franchise in Mount Morris. This company has generating plants in various parts of northern Illinois, with headquarters at Dixon. The local manager in Mount Morris is Carroll Boston and other employees are LaVern Rock, John Gronewold, Dorothea Vanston.

THE WOMAN'S WORLD, a family magazine with a circulation of over a million and a half, which is printed by Kable Brothers Company, maintains a circulation office in "Old Sandstone." The magazine is owned and published by the Woman's World Publishing Company, of which Lee Ellmaker is president and Ray Wallace editor, with general offices in New York City. The office in Mount Morris is in charge of Anton Holmgren, assisted by Miss Marjorie Clark, and a working force of about 25 is employed in maintaining the subscription department. The present personnel is as follows: Helen Avey, Melba Binkley, Harriet Boddiger, Helen Clapper, Myrtice Esderts, Isabelle Furey, Clara Gambro, Anton Holmgren Sr., Lillie Hurdle, Ethelyn Jewett, Elizabeth Jordan, Rita Jordan, Garnet Kramer, Pearle Miller, Louise Satterfield, Angela Seyster, Jack Wallace, Mary Warner and Lucille Zellers.

KABLE NEWS COMPANY

THE Kable News Company is engaged in the national newsstand distribution of magazines and periodicals. The company makes distribution to approximately 750 wholesalers situated throughout the United States and foreign countries, who in turn supply approximately 80,000 newsdealers.

The Kable News Company was organized in the early part of 1932 and the business has enjoyed a substantial growth since that time. Over 100 magazines are now handled by this company, among which are many printed by Kable Brothers Company.

The company is situated in its own building, having purchased "College Hall" from Kable Brothers Company in 1934.

The company employs 137 people and maintains offices in New York City and Chicago.

The present officers and directors are as follows: H. G. Kable, chairman; S. J. Campbell, president and treasurer; Warren Angel, vice-president; Milo D. Zimmerman, secretary; Charles Stuart, director. Other executives are H. W. Herrmann, business manager; C. L. Smith, circulation manager; R. B. Martin, assistant treasurer; and A. A. Yoder, traffic manager.

S. J. CAMPBELL, a prominent figure in the business life of Mount Morris, is a native of Mount Carroll, where he was born in 1892. His father and mother, Robert H. and Susan (Miles) Campbell were also life-long residents of Mount Carroll. Mr. Campbell and his father were extensively engaged in banking in Mount Carroll and other surrounding towns and also owners of considerable farm land in that vicinity. He came to Mount Morris in 1930 and became identified with Kable Brothers Company, serving several years as treasurer and more recently as vice-president. He is now actively engaged as president of Kable News Company, magazine distributors. He is a graduate (1914) of Leland Stanford University of Palo Alto, Calif., and while there he met and married Miss Ileen Bullis. He also holds an honorary LL.D. degree from Lincoln Memorial University of Harrogate, Tenn. They continue to reside in Mount Carroll, where they have a beautiful home.

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